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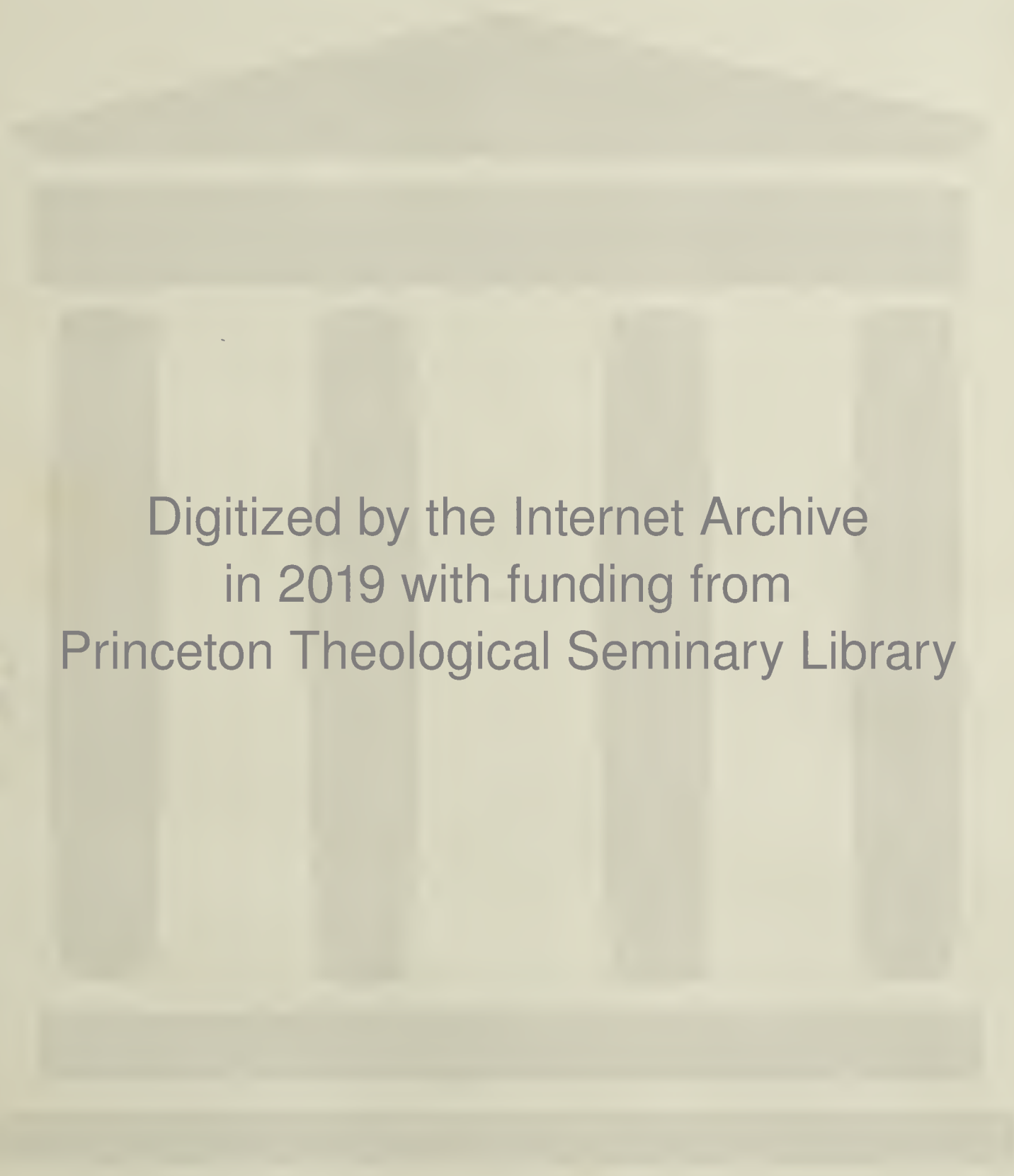
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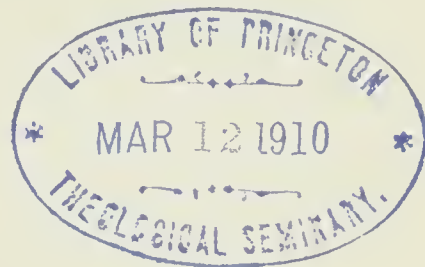
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If I could have had sufficient time, without neglecting more important work, I would have edited the letters and eliminated personal and private matters. It was to reproduce them in their original form, or not at all and I chose the original form.

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Additional information concerning my work in Alaska and other fields, will be found in the following publications. "The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian". A Monthly Missionary paper owned and edited by myself at Denver, Colorado, (1872-1882), "The North Star", a monthly missionary paper which I published at Sitka, Alaska, (1887-1892). "Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions", pages 1036-37, in "Presbyterian Encyclopedia", published at Philadelphia, 1884. "Among the Pimas", p.47, Pub. by Ladies Union Mission School Association, Albany, 1893; "Pioneering in the San Juan", Revell & Co., Chicago and New York, 1899.

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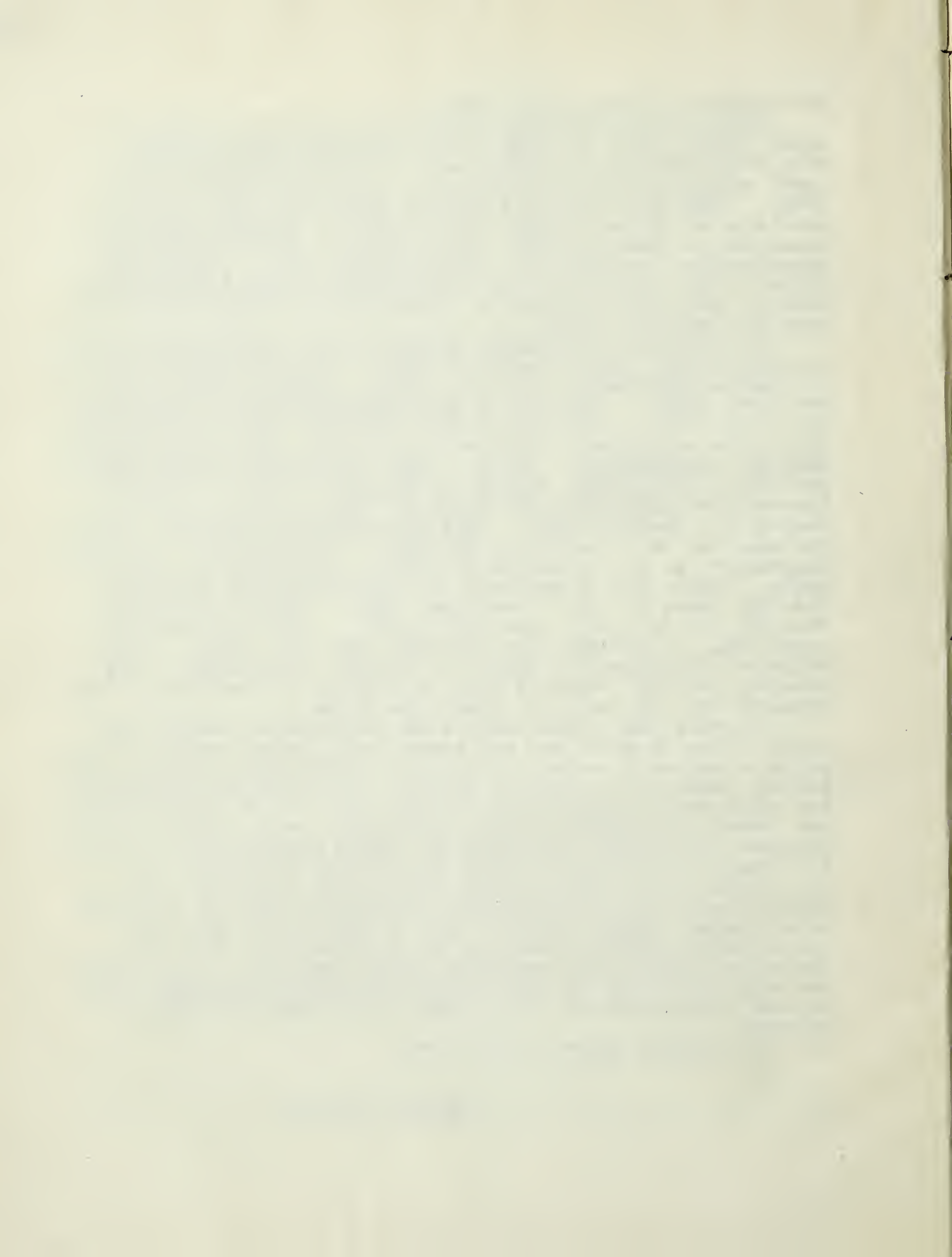
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Extracts from the Records of the Session of the Pres-
byterian Church at Esperance, Schoharie County, New York.

Mrs. Delia Jackson presented herself for examination and membership in the Church at the last preparatory lecture December 23, (1837). Voted that her examination be sustained and that she be received to the fellowship of the Church. She was baptized on the 24th day of December (1837), and admitted to the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

May 26, 1838. Samuel C. Jackson came forward with a view of uniting with the Church if the way be clear; he was examined on his religious experience and knowledge of the doctrines of the Scriptures and government of the Presbyterian Church. The examination was sustained and he was admitted to the Christian fellowship of the Church.

May 27. Brother Samuel C. Jackson came forward and made a public profession of his faith and received the Lord's Supper.

Rev. B. H. Pitman, Moderator.

June 26, 1839. "Brother Samuel C. Jackson was unanimously chosen to the office of Ruling Elder. Ordained and installed Ruling Elder September 15, 1839.

Sheldon and Louisa, children of Samuel C. and Delia Sheldon Jackson were baptised December 11, 1838, by Rev. Benjamin H. Pitman, Pastor.

Sheldon Jackson was received into the Church on examination before the Session October 1, 1853.

Miss Louisa Jackson was received into the Church on examination before Session, December 31, 1853.

Received in Church January 1, 1854.

Dismissed December 21, 1857.

No. 291. C O L P O R T E U R ' S C O M M I S S I O N .

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

That SHELDON JACKSON is hereby Commissioned as a Colporteur of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, for the term of four months, at the expiration of which time this Commission becomes null and void, and a new Commission must be obtained if he continues in the service of the Board. His field of labour is to be Montgomery & Schnectady Co's New York.

May the great head of the Church imbue him with all needful wisdom for this important department of usefulness, and abundantly prosper his efforts.

Given at the House of the Board of Publication, No. 265 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, this 7th day of April, A.D. 1856.

William E. Schenck,

Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication.

Philadelphia, May 18th, 1857.

This certifies that Mr. Sheldon Jackson, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Albany, has been duly appointed to act as an Agent of the American Systematic Beneficence Society, located in this City. The object of his mission is to present the cause of Systematic Beneficence by addresses to public assembles, by holding conferences with Pastors of Churches, and other friends of Scriptural Liberality, and by such proper additional methods as may be most feasible. He is also hereby authorized to receive any monies which may be contributed to aid the objects of this Society, and to transmit the same to the Treasurer.

We therefore commend him to the kind attentions and Christian confidence of those to whom these presents may come.

In behalf of the Society-

M.W. Baldwin,	President.
Geo. H. Stuart,	Vice President.
John Gulliver,	Cor. Secretary.
Thomas Cooper,	Treasurer.
William J.R. Taylor.	Rec. Secretary.

Minaville, September 12,

To the American Systematic Bebeficence Society, 1857.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Brethren: At the close of three months' labor as an agent

your society for the dissemination of the principles of systematic beneficence, I would report as follows: seventy-five ministers conversed with; thirty-two sermons delivered before fifty-three congregations, embracing a communion of about 5,500 persons and an auditory of 24,000.

Very truly yours,
(signed) Sheldon Jackson.

Theological Seminary, Princeton
December 7, 1857.

To the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions,
of the Presbyterian Church,

Sirs:

In accordance with your usage, I hereby offer myself as a candidate for the foreign service. My age is twenty-four. As to my education, I have passed from the common school through the Academy and College (Union) to the Seminary. My employment when out of school has been farmer and carpenter. As to health, I was completely prostrated three years ago. Having naturally a strong constitution I think that at present I have nearly regained it.

I united with the church in 1853. Immediately upon experiencing the love of Christ in my heart my mind was made up to be (D.V.) both a minister and a missionary. It was to the mission service I was dedicated in infant baptism and I see no reason why I should withhold myself. At first my attention was directed to the Home Mission field. For the last three years, however, it has been turned to the foreign service. This desire has gradually increased in depth and strength as I have examined the subject and become in some measure acquainted with the religious aspects of the world.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) Sheldon Jackson.

Mission House,
New York, Dec. 28th, 1857.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My Dear Sir:

Your letter of 22d. instant, was duly received, and was to day laid before the Committee. The letter from the brethren of the Albany Presbytery was satisfactory, and you were appointed with entire unanimity, a Missionary of the Board

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Your field among the Indians was not designated, nor at present can we say where the first vacancy will occur. The Otter Mission has been assigned to Mr. Guthrie, who with his wife expect to set out as soon as the travelling opens. As you will not be ready to set out before June, the way may be perfectly open before that time, and we will keep you advised of any thing that occurs, having a bearing on this question.

I am, dear sir,

Affectionately & sincerely yours
Walter Lowrie,
Secretary.

Spencer Academy.

Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory,
Oct. 8th, 1858.

To the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions.
23 Center Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Brethren:

My wife and myself left her father's home in New York July 22 en route for Galesburg, Ill., on our way to this our mission station. After tarrying a few weeks with my parents at Galesburg, on the 16th of September we left for St. Louis, where we spent the Sabbath the 19th. On the 20th we left on a steamer down the Mississippi River for Napoleon, Ark. accompanied by the Misses Turner, Mills and Culbertson. On the 24th at Napoleon we transferred from the Mississippi River steamer to a smaller steamer running up the Arkansas River, on our way to Little Rock, Ark., which we reached on the 27th. At Little Rock the party separated, the young ladies continuing up the River to Fort Smith while my wife and I took the stage to Washington and Paraclifton. At Washington, having reached the end of all public conveyances, we were compelled to take a private conveyance to Spencer, 120 miles distant.

Sabbath, Oct. 3, was spent at a planter's in the woods of western Arkansas. On Monday we reached the mission station at Stockbridge and took dinner with father Byington and the missionaries. Tuesday we passed through Wheelock (Rev. Mr. Edwards's station), staying over night at Pine Ridge Mission, Rev. Dr. Kingsbury), arriving at Spencer, our destination, about 11 o'clock P.M., Wednesday, Oct. 6.

The expences from Asterdam, N.Y., to Spencer amounted to \$230.26.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) . Sheldon Jackson.

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Memoranda of Work at Spencer Academy, 1859.

- Jan. 1. My wife and myself went on horseback to Pine Ridge. In the afternoon preached at Doaksville preparatory to communion.
- Sabbath, Jan. 2. Preached twice and took one of the communion tables. Three slave women were received into the church, two being baptised.
- During Jan. 5 wrote my resignation to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for the following reasons: first, my time being entirely engrossed in teaching, I had not sufficient opportunity for preaching and my purpose in going to the mission was with the hope of doing more preaching; second, the confinement of teaching and the malarial climate was destroying my health. During the winter had several attacks of bilious fever.
- On Jan. 13, having an unusually severe attack of bilious fever I was for the rest of the winter relieved from teaching, and as soon as I was able to, gave my entire time to preaching until I left in the spring.
- Jan. 22. Preached at Doaksville.
- Jan. 29. At Chickasaw Place. Twenty-four Indians were present and gave serious attention. Lost our way in the woods in trying to reach the preaching place, but was ultimately guided to the place by hearing the horn blowing for the assembly of the people at church. In the p.m. preached in the chapel.
- Feb. 2. In the morning went over to the log church in the woods at Chickasaw Station in accordance with the notice given out on the previous Sabbath. Through some misunderstanding no one came. In the afternoon went to Aniniantubi Station. Thirty were present.
- Feb. 4. Preached at Lukafuppi Station. Lost my way and was late in reaching the preaching place. Twenty-nine were present. On the following Saturday started for Palibok preaching station but failed to reach there in time for meeting, getting lost in the woods.
- Feb. 6. Preached at Lukafuppi in the morning. Forty-four present; and in the afternoon held an outdoor meeting at Okchia with forty-three present, and the same afternoon at Aniniantubi, six present.
- On the following Wednesday again preached at Aniniantubi with nineteen present. On Friday at Lukafuppi, seventeen pres-

ent; and at Chickasaw Place on Saturday in the morning with eight present; and in the afternoon at Taliboki with sixteen present.

Feb. 13. Preached at Lukafuppi in the morning with thirty-eight present. At Okchias at noon with thirty-five present, and at Aniniantubi in the afternoon with ten present.

On Wednesday, the 16th, at Thompson's with twenty-six present.

On the 17th attended Miss Elizabeth Dwight's funeral. Friday went to Taliboki big meeting where I camped at with the Choctaws and took my meals with them. About forty present

On Saturday preached twice at Taliboki.

Feb. 20. The communion services of Sabbath with the Choctaws in the woods were very impressive.

On the following Thursday the day of prayer for schools was observed and I preached in the morning from Isaiah, Chapter xxx, 18th. verse. Early in the spring, it having become apparent that I could not live in that malarial climate, and there already being signs of the disturbances and paralysis of all mission work that would come from the approaching contest between the North and the South, I withdrew from the mission and went north to Minnesota for my health, entering the service of the Board of Home Missions.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the Board of Domestic Missions, acting under the authority and by the order of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, on the application and by the recommendation of the Presbytery of St. Paul, have appropriated the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.) to aid in the support of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, as a Missionary to the Norts. of St. Anthony's Falls Mission, for 12 mos. from the time he reaches his field.

In behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions,
JOHN McDOWELL, President.

G. W. Musgrave, Cor. Secretary.

Mission Rooms, 910 Arch St. Philadelphia, June 6, 1859.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the Board of Domestic Missions, acting under the authority of, and by order of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, on the application of the Churches of La Crescent^x Neckah & Vicinity, Minn., and by the recommendation of the
x HoKah.

Presbytery of Winnebago, have appropriated the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.) Dollars, to aid in the support of Rev. Sheldon Jackson, as Pastor or stated supply of said Churches. This appropriation is for Twelve months, and to commence,.....

In behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions,
JOHN McDOWELL, President.

G.W. Musgrave, Cor. Secretary.
Mission Rooms, 910 Arch St., Philadelphia. Sept. 5, 1859.

Rev. & Dear Brother.

I take pleasure in forwarding to you the accompanying Commission, in accordance with the application of your Presbytery; and I avail myself of the occasion to express my best wishes for your usefulness and happiness.

Please inform us when you enter upon your labors, in order that we may properly date your Commission.

With fraternal regards,
G. W. Musgrave,
Per R.C.D.

Schnectady, 28th March, 1860.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I am happy to hear from you, and to know that you are so & hopefully occupied in the good cause. Your position is evidently a very promising one, and work done there cannot & (by the Divine blessing) will reach far & last in its results long. Be of good cheer. He hath said "Lo, I am with you always"- What a promise ! and the "always" in it how encouraging it is, and what a resource in every time of our need. Doubtless you have had much of the comfort of this word. You may be sure that all your Brethren in this region will sympathise with you in your owrk, & will be glad to aid you in building, &c. But the effort with our ministry is more & more for to properly be that our churches shall do their work thro. the Church Extension Committee. It may seem to bear hard in some such cases as yours, yet I am persuaded that we ought to educate our churches this way, if we wish to get "systematic Benevolence" in them. Still when you come this way we will be glad to see you & hear you, & possibly some who give little or nothing in the regular way, may be led to aid you. My own personal means are much more than anticipated for the next year. I enclose a note (such as you request) of introduction

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day night and Friday forenoon we spent at Princeton with Dwight. He is about as usual, his term closes the last of June. Saturday Aunt Sarah and Mary went out shopping, Mary got a Mantilla, duster and ribbon to trim the green silk. Sabbath we heard Dr. J. W. Alexander in the morning, went over to hear Dr. Bethune in the P. M., he was not at home heard a stranger. We leave New York tomorrow (Tuesday) spending the night at West Point. We will be at Amsterdam Wednesday evening 7.53 and we wrote Mr. Voorhess sometime ago to meet us on Friday, if it is convenient we will visit with you at Uncle Alex's. J. DeWitt came down last Saturday night. Returns to night.

We go over to Uncle Henry's today.

Mary unites with me in sending love.

Your affectionate
Brother

Falls City Boat, Cairo
Sept. 21, 1858.

Dear Parents and Sister:

Took the steam boat yesterday A. M. Sabbath night I had a very severe attack of cholera morbus. The doctor was up with me half the night, and I laid in my berth the most of yesterday. Feel well now. Mary is well.

Met the three ladies at St. Louis. Pleasant Boat.

In haste
Sheldon

St Louis, Mo.
Sept 17, 1858

My Dear Parents and Sister:

Our journey to Quincy yesterday was quite tedious. They had such hot fires and so many in the car that the air was very bad. However by opening the window around us we were kept quite comfortable. There were four suspicious looking men on board whom we watched with considerable interest. We concluded that they were a part of a gang at Quincy we waited some two hours for the boat. About half past one we went aboard the "City of Louisiana" and we were fortunate enough to secure a state-room way back. As the remnants of the dinner were still on the table we sat down, but did not get much, for as the waiter humerously expressed it there was "mighty little left".

Though Mary did not want to eat again in a week when she left home, yet she was at the apples before we got to Quincy and I went back to my state-room to finish out my dinner. At Quincy there came a bridal party on board. The bride was dressed in full rig, light blue and white silk dress (low neck)

as soon as Sheldon started for Hokah I went to Mrs. Jennings' and staid until he returned, the next morning we left by sunrise for Mrs. Evans'. Mrs. Dalton reported we locked her out.

Sheldon married a couple last Friday at the Trusdell house. The bride came from Ohio and the groom from Filmore County, Minnesota; he met her in La Crosse; they were genteel people. Fee \$2.50.

We called on the printer's wife this afternoon; she has by far the most stylish parlor in the place. Prayer meeting was at Mr. Cameron's to-night, the old gentleman is very feeble and cannot survive long.

Mr. Lyon had a letter from the Secretary of a sewing society offering him a box of clothing; he declined it and sent the letter to Sheldon urging him to accept it; he said Sheldon was using his father's money which he did not think it right for him to do. Sheldon did not need it himself but gladly accepted it for Mr. Frothingham and wrote to the lady to that effect. It has relieved my mind very much. Mr. Frothingham began to be very uneasy for fear he should not get the help Sheldon had promised him. I hope it will come soon because he needs it and cannot wait patiently for anything he is expecting.

Mary.

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Hagenbach's History of Doctrines. If you have any opportunity to procure either of these books for me procure it for me.

I have rec'd one dollar more for Hymn Books. Take that out. You will then have \$6,50, besides \$30, which I prefer having sent to me by mail - 10 dollars at a time just as you happen to, or \$20. at a time if you can get one bill of that size. I have no opportunity to send to La Crosse for it if it were a bank there, for me.

Remember me to Mrs. Jackson & all friends.

Yours very truly,

J.G Wells.

Brooklyn, Novr. 26th, 1862.

Dear Brother.

I have been hoping for a letter from you, enclosing directions from another family, when I should have replied to both. Mrs. Mercer's directions do not give size, only ages, except in case of the boy 7 years old, and that does not answer to get the suit by for that boy. A tailor's measure is necessary, if it cannot be obtained, the measure we have with the length of his arms may be near enough. Say if they are fleshy or thin; also Mrs. Mercer's height & size for some under garments. Some flannel must be needed & I wish to get the box off speedily, please advise at once. I have a seal skin cap, will it be useful to you, or any one. The ladies are anxious to relieve Mrs. Mercer of the sewing, if it will do to wait. I think we have been in correspondence long enough for an introduction to be of interest especially as we are striving for the same Heavenly throne. My age about 32, good general health, & something of endurance under fatigue which enables me to do something for my tender Master. My income is small & so are my doings, but every thing I trust is laid upon The altar. I forgot to say I have been a widow some years. I should rejoice to meet you in the flesh, but we know there is a meeting place with our elder Brother.

I am collecting you some more cast aside Sabbath School books, & I see a set of Hymn Books in our Sabbath School Library out of use. A few Village Hymns also. Do you see the N. York Observer? If not I will send it to you occasionally, after reading. I enclose a little circular to show one of the objects for which we are labouring in our Church, for our last box. I obtained a donation from our Presbyterian Board very valuable. Kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson.

In everlasting bonds,

L. M. G. Merrill.

New York, Mar. 9, 1864.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Your letter in reference to the enterprise at Brownville is at hand. I must be excused for not answering it before, as I have been too much occupied with business that would admit of no delay. I am happy to inform you that we have succeeded in raising for you, in and outside of the School (300) Three hundred Dollars, and are ready to forward it to you in any form you may wish. If you prefer a certificate of deposit, or a draft, on La Crosse. Let me know, or you can draw on me at any time after reasonable notice. Some of our Teachers think we should have some kind of a certificate from the Board of Church Extensions, or the Trustees. If convenient please forward such certificate as you may think proper.

I regret that pressure of business compels me to make my letter brief. I must not however forget to say, that the children are not content to hear from you annually, but say you must write every three months at least. If you have a Sunday School at B. let us hear from it. If not we hope you will start one soon. We will send some books if necessary.

With earnest sympathy for yourself and fellow laborers in the work, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
W. C. Spelman.

St. Louis, March 9th, 1864.

Rev. George Ainslie,
Rochester, Minn.
Dear Brother:

Your letter of Jan. 28th, which was a long while in reaching us, was laid before the Board on Monday at the first meeting after it arrived. Very careful consideration was given and hearty sympathy felt with your endeavors. The deliberate judgment however of the Board was --

1st. That it would be impossible to erect a church as you propose for \$2000. Our experience and observation satisfy us that you cannot build a house holding 400 people with a basement for \$2000, or anything like that sum. Basements add much more to the cost of a house than is usually supposed.

2nd. Our experience has forced us to the conclusion that it is not wise to build for the future. We have seen it

tried very often with disastrous results. Anticipations of the growth of towns through which railways simply pass are seldom realized. The true policy is to build for the present with a view to easy and cheap enlargement when it becomes necessary. It is easy to enlarge a church (if built with a view to enlargement) when it is filled. A small neat house in a good location without debt is better than a larger structure encumbered with debt.

3rd. It is useless for you to undertake to compete with the Congregationalists for they have by some peculiar facilities obtained \$3000 East. An attempt to do so cannot succeed. Build a small house in a good location that you can readily enlarge or that will answer as a lecture room hereafter. While the Board cannot of course in the present stage of your application make any pledge of positive kind, I have not a doubt an immediate application in due form would result in a grant of \$500 to build a small house costing say \$1500.

4th. The public sentiment of the Church and of the most liberal contributors is such that a grant of \$4000 to your church or any other would, as soon as known seriously diminish the income of the Board and a few such grants would bankrupt the Board and excite expectations of help to other churches that could not be realized.

5th. If therefore dispensing with a basement you can in your own congregation with \$500 aid from the Board secure a place of worship build. If you cannot, defer it for the present. Applications for aid abroad now are not likely to succeed; and the Board is so crippled by such applications that a grant of the size proposed would not be justified to a Church seeking aid.

I have written to you my brother frankly the views of the Board. We sympathize with you; and appreciate your difficulties and self denials. We are sorry we cannot, with the light we have, and fettered as we are, do what you desire.

We hope what is proposed will enable you to secure an humble sanctuary for present wants. We enclose you herewith the usual questions.

With Christian regards, I remain,
Yours fraternally,
H. I. Coe.

Please return.
G. A.

Rochester, April 27th, 1864.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have been waiting till I could write you about my definite in regard to our action. The trustees have had two meetings this week to consider size, material, form, &c. A decision was first talked over, and it was unanimously concluded that it was necessary. The size of the building or the plan you sent with Mr. Andrews was thought about large enough for us, i.e. 60x52. In regard to material considerable diversity of opinion was found. Mr. Cook's first choice was brick. Mr. Andrews' and mine was stone - if not stone Mr. Andrews thought wood rather than brick. Mr. Melrose who was present thought brick the best. Mr. Stansbury also present thought there was not much choice. It was finally left to Messrs Cook and Andrews to ascertain from experience which would be the cheapest, and agree between themselves which it should be. There will be some trouble in getting stone just now, though we can have our stone quarried in the fall. Brick cannot be had till the last of July.

I have much anxiety in regard to the Secondary Buildings. The plan you sent me which the ladies hoped to have built for \$1200 was estimated at cost about \$2000, and now the late rise in material and wages makes it unlikely that it can be built for that. There is no place that I can rent for them.

The Board of D. M. look upon our arrangement with great favor, and commissioned me itinerant for the county for you. I think when you visit Amsterdam it would be well also to visit Cleverville and Kingsborough. Rev. J. S. Heacock whose written business at Cleverville is abundantly able to recommend and is always ready for every worthy cause. My acquaintance with him is very slight so that letters from me would be of small account. Dr. Lockus has more influence in all that region than any one else.

I have not written letters to Amsterdam, for you are so well and favorably known there that you do not need them. If I had a plan of your future movements, I could write to several persons in your behalf. To Troy, Schenectady, and some other places. Write fully in regard to your movements. I have visited Fort Wayne on several occasions, and you will find it well worth a visit. The soldiers are fully moved from Ft. Wayne into our vicinity.

You will meet Dr. Cook at the office. An excellent and successful course of the good friends can be had at the same

generous and grant us the \$500.

I will write soon again. May the Saviour give you favor and success throughout the Churches.

Yours truly,
Geo. Ainslie.

LaCrescent, May 2nd,

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have just received your letter in which was enclosed the \$100. which I will attend to at once.

The Church is not getting along as fast as it would probably, if you were attending to it yourself, but you must remember I am a Green Horn in these matters and must learn a little experience, but now with the Masters blessing it will be pushed right through, and I will devote all my energy to it. I have labored under many difficulties in connection with it, such as the departure of the carpenter's promise, and other little things of a like nature, but I will have a carpenter from our own place or LaCrescent, and we will be under headway in a few days, and I trust by the time you return to invite you to preach in our New Church. A number of those who have subscribed have "Gone Off", some to the Army some somewhere else, but this will not interrupt us.

Everything, otherwise, is moving along pleasantly down there, and they show me great kindness but as yet but little to the Lord. Those for whom you had much hope have scarcely justified that hope, but we can work and pray, and trust the Lord to bless.

There is quite an interest in our little town, but it must be more if sinners are really awakened and brought to Christ. We remember you in our prayers and I mentioned your work at our Prayer Meeting asking the dear people to remember you both then and in their closets, and I trust you will behold the fruits of their petitions.

I am afraid I shall never hear the end of praises of your energy, perseverance, and other qualities from your people here, and it's a good thing I am not envious or I might think they should remember some of my own good qualifications, but in truth perhaps, they want to stimulate me to imitation. How can I write all I want to say in a letter? Please answer the questions I propound.

1st. Who do the Messengers belong to?

2nd. Where do you get your Papers for Sabbath School?

Dear Brother when you go to Philadelphia, I want you to insist upon Dr. January sending me the full sum. He has allowed me \$200. for the two Churches, but you know how necessary it is at this time for me not to be "cut down". Tell him of the many additional expenses to which I am put &c., &c I'll trust the matter to you for you'll know just what to do and just how to get it. But don't forget that I really need it.

Mercer has been with me about three weeks. Same "old coon". Still goes in for exhorting, the Methodistic style of opposition to exactness in doctrine and little matters of that nature.

Mrs. McMihail lost a sister last week very suddenly. She came on a visit to her, and died while there. I have not yet seen her owing to her absence, but I trust the Lord will bless this affliction to her. It was a severe one.

A young man, a Presbyterian reformed, has come to Brownville and will perhaps stay. I trust you do not think me uninterested in your work there that you do not give me any knowledge of your program.

A letter from you will always be welcome, and I assure you I have a deep interest in all that concerns you, and a real and earnest desire for your success.

I will not await answer to my letter, but will write whenever I have anything to communicate.

Your Brother in the Lord,
W. J. Parrott.

Appropriations for Rev. Wm. Mercer.

April 1st.	D. Herron.	\$250.	
"	W. W. McNair.	\$225--	peo. \$600.
"	J. G. Wells.	\$200.	
May 1st.	B. Phillips.	\$225 --	\$550.
"	H. L. Craven.	\$225.	
"	Wm. Mercer.	\$225.	
"	W. J. Parrott.	\$250.	

Rochester, Minn., May 5th, 1864.

Dear Brother Jackson:

A letter came to you last week which has been advertised. Now enclose it to you.

Trustees Cook and Andrews have talked over the Church

till both are about persuaded that our material is wood. Mr. Cook has written to the Architect stating the size we wish, the basement, corner tower, and asking for proportions &c. A contract has been made for stone for basement which will soon be quarried. Funds you have on hand can soon be used now, buying lumber, that it may be seasoning while the basement is building. A part of our funds has been raised and handed over to the person who sold us the lot.

Let me know what I must do with mail matter that may come to you. I have directed that it be placed in my box hereafter so that it need not be advertised.

We are all in usual health. Mrs. A. joins in kind regards.

Your fellow servant,
Geo. Ainslie.

Scheneectady, May 9th, 1864.

To the Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Please accept the within contribution \$50. to be applied toward the erection of a suitable house of worship or appropriated in any other way you may deem best for the advancement and furtherance of the glorious Cause in which you and your compass are so nobly struggling, and oblige,

Yours truly,
E. H. W.

Rochester, Minn., May 11th, 1864.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Your letter enclosing remittance of \$521.96 came to hand last evening. We were glad to hear that your prospects were encouraging. Mr. Cook is corresponding with Kandall. Hopes soon to receive from him a rough draft which will enable them to go to work at basement. The stones are engaged, and will soon be ready, but McBride advises not to lay them on the ground untill the excavation is made.

I believe the trustees have about concluded to build of wood, and to follow pretty closely the pattern of Dr. Lord's Chapel, having additional the corner tower you propose

I think I had better canvass the people in regard to

Carter's books before ordering. I think some of our people will buy largely. I have catalogues which I will pass around.

Did I tell you we had another Call to the Iowa mission and have been almost on the point of assenting?

Kind regards to Mrs. Merrill when you see her, and many thanks for the Observer.

Your fellow pastor,
Geo. Ainslie.

Rochester, Minn., May 12th, 1864.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Mr. Stansbury to-day brought up from the express office a small box from Mrs. Kerr, containing, besides a bundle sewed up in cloth by itself and addressed to me, a pair of new black pants apparently meant for you, a new cloth coat which is I should think about right size for Brother Craven, a new large sized linen duster, and two old coats all about Craven's size. I thought of dropping him a note and if he is in need of coat and duster send them on. The old coats are not of much account and may await your disposal. Mr. Stansbury said there were some charges on the box, I did not learn how much.

Nothing new has arisen since you left. Father Chapin called last Friday. He had brought his daughter to Rochester to attend school. He starts for Missouri next week.

Service failed last Sabbath A. M. The morning was unpleasant, and Mr. Andrews, who had agreed to read a sermon thought there would be few out and dismissed the S. S. and teachers to go to the other Churches. Many afterwards came and went away disappointed. I preached in the evening, only a few present.

Very few were out Wednesday evening and as Mr. Andrews had not consulted Wilson in regard to necessary action I advised an adjournment for a week, which was done. If John Kehoo is at the As. please ask him concerning Mr. Milne who was formerly his pastor and mine. I have lost track of him.

I hope you will enjoy yourself at the Assembly. I would for two days as a lobby member, the working members are little to be envied.

We have it cold and frosty yet with very high winds, very unlike "lovely May".

If you can do anything for parsonage or Church do not hurry your return -- we will try and get along. I will omit service at Stewartsville the 1st Sabbath of June.

May 16th Mr. Clarke preached for us Sabbath evening. Text -- "They feared God and served their own gods". He succeeded in the very difficult feat of preaching a long sermon without once mentioning the Saviour or even alluding to Him.

We are all in usual health. Mrs. A. joins in love.

Your fellow servant,
Geo. Ainslie.

Mr. Clarke goes back to Iowa. He found neither place nor peace at Mankato.

Schenectady, May 12th, 1864.

Rev. Dr. Jackson preached to my people a sermon upon Domestic Missions, & followed it with a statement of the field he and his colleagues have been cultivating, and the experiences of missionary life, which gave me a clearer view of matters of this sort, and made a happier impression upon many, than any address heard for long. It is adopted greatly to benefit and promote a Missionary Spirit.

L. Trumbull Backus.

My very dear parents:

Mr. Sheldon Jackson the bearer of this letter is the gentleman I spoke to you about in my former letter as being so indefatigable in his efforts to build churches. At present he is interested in erecting a church in Rochester, Minn. This being the object of his tour through the Eastern States, I earnestly hope he will not only meet with a kind reception but that you will assist him with your influence and introduce him to those who are able and willing to assist. I shall give him a letter to Mr. Barnard. I am hoping his church being a wealthy one and being intimate with Gov. Curtin, that he will be enabled to assist him as well as yourself. I can assure you dear father \$200 or \$500 would be much more needed here than any place you could bestow it in the East. Though good may not meet with reward from men, yet because you do it not to be seen of others, how

much greater will your reward be from Our Heavenly Father. How blessed the thought must be that you are instrumental in saving one's soul. For Christ has declared it "shall hide a multitude of sins". Mr. Jackson has many wealthy relatives, but some of them prefer assisting more publicly. They think you are well off, but sort of have the idea that rich relatives never help Churches out West. And I want you to help correct that feeling by showing your usual liberality. Mr. Jackson is a stranger in the city, and I would be grateful to you if you would extend the rites of hospitality to him. I have still another letter to write so will not make this a long one, my time also being limited. We expect to go to housekeeping next week. Miller has had a call to La Crescent, where you can direct your letters in future, La Crescent, Minn.

Everything is so expensive I dread furnishing a house, though it will be done in plain style. I shall have a piano if nothing happens. I do want to hear from you so badly. Give a great deal of love to all the family, and accept a great deal from your

Affectionate daughter,
G. Parrott.

Write soon and tell me how you and mother are. I hope Hellen is well and able to resume her studies once more. Good bye.

Please direct Mr. J. how to find Mr. residence.

Oswego, May 16, 1864.

Reverend,

Dear Sir:

I regret that in answering your note I am obliged to say, that for several reasons, I cannot arrange for you to visit us for the important object you have in view. You may however be assured that we feel interested in the Missionary operations of your section of country. My son, who finished at Princeton last year has recently left us for Minnesota. I am not a delegate to the Assembly, but may be at Newark next week, and perhaps meet with you.

Yours fraternally,
R. W. Condit.

Huntington, Saffolk Co., N. Y.,
May 20th, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

At a meeting of our Sunday School teachers some evenings since, we decided to send you \$25.00 from our School fund, which I enclose. We shall be pleased to hear from you often, after you are on your field of duty, if God spares you to engage as you now propose.

Please acknowledge receipt of this, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

Wm. J. Moore.

Rochester, Minn., May 26th, 1864.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours enclosing \$500 came safe to hand last evening. Thanks to you and above all to Him who is inclining the hearts of some of his people to aid us in our great undertaking.

I am sorry to report no progress in our building yet, and our delay all due to the delay of Randall to send on the specifications so as to enable the trustees to act. As soon as the dimensions are known, Mr. Andrews will purchase at Wabasha the bill of lumber, and teams will be engaged to excavate foundation, then the stone can be laid down to advantage. Perhaps you had better write to Randall.

A serious disaster happened to the Congregational Church last Sabbath. During a shower the walls fell in leaving only the ends standing. The loss is estimated at \$2000. We worship at present in the Baptist Church and have a very large attendance.

I look for Brother Mercer here in a few days. Miss Downing and Niece are going West, to teach for him during the summer.

With earnest prayers for your welfare and success, I am,
dear brother,

Your fellow pastor,

Geo. Ainslie.

Don't forget Kingsboro and Gloversville, Rev. Neacock, &c. There is much wealth there.

Rochester, Minn., June 6th, 1864.

Dear Brother Jackson:

A roughly sketched plan of a Church has at last arrived, excellent in most respects and very beautiful in appearance, with a tower on north west corner and tri gothic window over the entrance; it eclipses Dr. Lord's Church. The tower is drawn to be eighty feet high. The only question is, can we afford this luxury. It seems to be the mind of the Trustees to lay aside all thought of a tower until you order it. One beauty of the new plan is dividing the ascent between basement and principal floor. The floor of vestibule is only a little above the level of the ground, from vestibule is entrance to the basement straight forward from front door, and down half the height of basement. From each side of vestibule, stairs half the height of basement, back to the main floor, elevated that height above the vestibule, and in order to give proper height to the vestibule itself, the floor over it is elevated several feet above main floor, thus making arrangement for the Choir. The whole thing is conveniently arranged, and persons entering to main floor from the street have very little ascent.

We now have the fixed size of basement, and can go to work immediately excavating and hauling stone.

You will probably see in the Independent a sad account of the Congregational Church disaster, stating their loss at \$2000 or over. Their actual loss by crushing in of walls cannot exceed the third of that sum. But they will need all the \$2000 or more to finish their work, and the lie if told may therefore be allowed to pass.

Brother Mercer was with us last week. He has doubts of the ladies moving the Seminary to Rochester. In their correspondence with me they have not hinted such a thing. But if it should so turn out you had better raise a little more and build yourself a parsonage on their lots.

Are we to select books from Carter's catalogue at his former prices, or at his prices as last published? He has lately raised more than twelve (12) per cent.

Every thing is moving on in a very harmonious and pleasant manner. I long for your coming that I may occupy new ground.

Your fellow servant and fellow pastor,
Geo. Ainslie.

I wrote last week acknowledging receipt of \$500. your second remittance.

Chicago, June 10th, 1864.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you a sketch of the front, and plans of the interior of your church. I think it is going to be very neat, both internally and externally. They (the Committee) have directed me to leave out the window in rear of the pulpit which I think is proper enough, and they have directed that the basement be left for them to divide up as they think best, and I shall make some unimportant changes in the details of the exterior. These sketches have just been returned from Rochester, and Mr. Cook writes that the expense should not exceed \$3500. Now this is a dead hitch. It cannot probably be built for less than \$5000. Dr. Lord's cost about \$3000, and this would cost more. This has a stone foundation which Dr. Lord's had not. This has a basement and a tower also which Dr. Lord's has not. With these additions I cannot see how anything less than \$5000 will build it.

I have written Mr. Cook that I shall go on with the plans as they are, unless otherwise directed, and if you cannot raise the necessary funds you can leave the tower off, and build it with two turrets like Dr. Lord's church.

The plans will be completed in about a week, and will be sent forward as soon as finished. If no further changes are made, my bill will be one hundred dollars, or two per cent on the cost of the same as I stated when you was here. The plans will be very cheap at that price. Considering the amount of detail plans I have to make for them, I should have charged three per cent. I will write you again as soon as the plans go forward.

Respectfully yours,
G. P. Randall.

Show your plans to the Gothamites, and tell them to invest liberally. Build churches and schol houses and we will have no more Rebellions.

I was exceedingly interested and touched by Mr. Jackson's statement last evening, and should be glad to have from him, now or at some other time, the name of one of these very needy Ministers, to whom a box would be acceptable, with the exact address, and some account of the number and size of children, &c. The enclosed trifle is for the Cause of Christ in the North West.

Janetea Alexander.

Monday, June 13th.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Please find enclosed twenty-five (25) dollars, a collection made from the handful of people I preached to yesterday. They are few and poor. The collection was not quite this sum, but with my own donation amounts to the sum enclosed.

I wish it were larger. May God succeed you.

Fraternally yours,
D. H. Junkin.

79 Sand Street, Brooklyn.
June 13th, 1864.

Credit to "Canal Street Church, N. Y.", together with what you got before.

Rochester, Minn., June 17th, 1864.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours with the third remittance of \$500 came safe to hand early in the week, and I have delayed for two or three days to reply because my time has been taken up seeking for my pony, which disappeared mysteriously during Tuesday night. I fear he is stolen, which, if so, will to me be a very unhappy affair, for now I must resume my old habits of walking and that just as our trying summer weather is approaching.

We are ashamed when you are doing so much, that we are doing almost nothing. Indeed the prospect of doing much seems more and more doubtful. Lumber has just taken another

great rise, and very hard to obtain at any price. I begin to think that when we have our basement walls up, if the lumber market is not more favorable, our best plan is to lay a temporary roof over our basement, and, finishing it so as to use it, suspend labor till times be more favorable. Our people are united and cheerful, seem to acquiesce in whatever plan is considered best.

In regard to your inquiry what is best to do with the funds you raise, Mr. Andrews (Frederick W. Andrews) says you must do what you think best. The funds will be quite safe in Mr. Cook's hands or in Mr. Andrew's. They will be also safe in the First National Bank. If part lay over, can not some way be adopted whereby some interest can be obtained. I suppose our good brethern of the Congregational Church would gladly borrow at 10 or 12 per cent. But I cannot speak highly of such a plan of deposit. It now appears that all the walls of their Church must come down before they can resume work. We are heartily sorry for their loss, though the outside world make themselves merry over it, and call it punishment for pride. Since hearing Dr. Addison on Luke 13th, I dare not condemn.

I long exceedingly for your coming, but will not ask you to hasten, for so long as the Lord is blessing your efforts to raise that which is needful to build His temple your way of duty is plain. I am persuaded that the work will need all you can raise. Material and wages are advancing at such a rate that we cannot reckon what we will need. Did you see Secretary Joe? I would judge from his very favorable report to General Assembly that he would assist us to the extent of \$500.

What has happened to my good friend Mrs. Merrill? My Observer has discontinued its visits.

Mrs. A.'s health is very poor. She has not been at Church for five weeks. The rest of us are well.

Give our kind regards to Mrs. Jackson when you write.

Your fellow servant and fellow pastor,
Geo. Ainslie.

Rochester, June 21st, 1864.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a draft for you, one hundred and sixteen dollars, and eighteen cents, and I also enclose sixty-five cents to account for a mistake made by the Bank in their favor through their or my carelessness. There was one dollar back money, which was taken in collecting. Three dollars of this amount was paid by St. Peters Church, the percentage was deducted for the draft.

My son busy from home. I send this amount by his and Mr. Hollesters donation.

Respectfully yours,
Wm. Shepherd.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I received yours of the 17th a day or two ago. I do not know what you could do among my people for your Cause and I fear you bid for a wrong time. I heard some time ago of your proposed visit, but expecting it before I went to the Assembly, I was prepared to give you a better reception than I can now promise.

While I would be glad to have you preach for me, it may not suit you then. We are at present altering our building, and if we can, I desire to reopen upon that day, the 2nd Sabbath of July, and have engaged the Rev. Dr. Howard, of Pittsburg to be with us. But so doubtful are the prospects of completing the building, that I can make no definite arrangements.

But apart from this, there are two rules usually governing this Congregation which hamper me in welcoming you now. These rules are both founded upon our unwillingness to hinder the finest and fullest collections on behalf of our Board.

1st. We never make extra collections for any object at or about the time when the Board concerned should be regularly brought before us. But the Assembly's time for the Board of Church Extension is the very time you wish to present a similar claim.

2nd. We make no collections whatever in the Church for like objects with the Board, but make private donations.

It would not be doing our usual justice to the Board of Church Extension to have you at the time proposed; yet it is with very reluctance that I do write. But there are other circumstances which lead me to fear that your visit would not be successful, as other calls have been made which would have hindered your success.

Yours very truly,
Jno. M. Lowney.

Chicago, June 24th, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Sir:

The plans for your church were all made out full and complete, and sent forward by express to Mr. Cook, on the 20th instant.

They are a very excellent set of plans, and cost me before they left the office \$105. As I told you I would make these for two percent on the estimated cost of the building in Chicago, I do not see that I have a right to charge you more than about the sum I named in my last letter, (\$100) but I should not make the same drawings again short of \$150. I have heretofore done such work for two per cent, but the present high prices will compell me to raise my commission for buildings requiring such an amount of details. You can send me a draft on New York for that amount, (\$100.), and I will send a receipt in full.

Respectfully yours,
G. P. Randall.

P. S. I send this bill to you at your request as per a previous letter.

R.

Steubenville, Ohio,
June 25th, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

A letter was received from you a few days since by Mrs. Beatty, directed to her husband who is now in the East. She referred the matter to me as pastor of the First Church, with the request I would answer it. I am sorry to be unable to give you the encouragement your noble undertaking deserves. I do not believe you would have ten people to hear you on a Friday evening, and they would be females representing the humbler families of the Congregation. It is a humiliating acknowledgement, but regard for truth compels it. One reason that would operate unfavorably is that our people have just failed in an attempt to rebuild our house of worship, and have concluded to await more peaceful times. I feel that it is better to acquaint you with these facts beforehand, than to have you learn them after the trouble of visiting our place.

The pastor of the 2nd is at present away from home, and will be for a week or two.

I remain yours truly,
Henry Woods.

July 6th, 1864.

Dear Brother:

Please find enclosed a draft for seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) the contribution of our people to your Church. This with the nine handed you makes eighty-four. Will you be so good as to send me a receipt for the whole, and also whether you received any thing from any friends, as they have not handed me any thing.

Very truly,
A. Gisma.

Bergen Point, N. J.,
July 9th, 1864.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a check of \$12.00 on Broadway Bank,

N. Y., payable to your order.

Of this amount \$2.00 was handed to Mr. Lane by a friend after your departure. The remainder, \$10., is a donation from our S. S. Miss Assn, to be used for S. S. Purposes.

When you have disbursed the above, please write us the results, directing to the President, H. B. Lane, No. 90 Broad Street, New York City.

Yours truly,

Henry C. Selvage,
Sect'y. & Treas.

P. S. The above includes the amount Mr. Morris had for you. Will remember about the Library.

Buffalo, July 11th, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minnesota.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a draft for \$32. 80, the amount of contribution taken up for your benefit. I regret it is no more, for your sake, and the Cause of our Divine Master.

Yours truly,

H. Howard.

Rochester, Minn., July 14th.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours from Illinois came duly to hand. I was glad indeed to hear reaffirmed that you would be with us next week. I am sorry to say that we have failed to find a house for you, but instead shall welcome you to our home, to stay with us as long as needful, only having it understood that we cannot entertain you as boarders, or in any way as increasing Mrs. Ainslie's labor, as her health is already seriously impaired from overdoing.

In a few days or weeks, I hope arrangements can be made for her going East for a rest and for change, when it will be a kind Providence if we can give the keys to Mrs. Jackson, retaining for myself the privilege of staying with you now and then. In the mean time it is better for you to

come right to our house, and if you must needs engage a "boarding place" you can have opportunity to choose for yourself between a number of places to be had.

The excavation of Church basement is going on and I hope it will be ready some time next week, Thursday or Friday, to receive the stones, we will then have a good "bee" for hauling before harvest begins, so that the Masons can get to work as soon as they are ready.

We have had a copious supply of rain, but I fear not enough to raise old Miss. There is no lumber just now at any of the accessible river ports. Men engaged in building are obliged to suspend work. This looks dark, still I do not despond and firmly hope that even without lumber we can get our basement in trim for winter use.

If you can drop me a line telling me how you are coming if by stage from St. Charles, I can meet you at the stage office on your arrival and bring you right up.

Kind regards to Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Andrews. Mrs. A. joins in love to you and Mrs. Jackson.

Your fellow servant,
Geo. Ainslie.

Please pay for me to Mr. Harris, the nursery man, two dollars, for the fruit trees. I sent it by Brother Mercer but he forgot to pay it.

New York, July 20, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 7th instant came duly to hand.

Enclosed please find I. & Co.'s check for one hundred and fifty dollars which is the amount of the contribution from our church toward the erection of your church in Rochester, Minnesota.

I hope the church even in these difficult times may be completed and soon be crowded with a willing and generous people.

Yours very truly,
Wm. R. January.

Albany, July 22, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

Our long promised box of papers, books, &c., was finally sent forward to your address at Rochester, Minn., on Saturday last. We hope they will prove the means of profiting and interesting many of those precious little souls "away out upon the prairie", and thus of aiding you in the great work of bringing the people of that region to a saving knowledge of our precious gospel of Christ.

You will find the Sabbath School paper quite miscellaneous in respect of their origin, some as you will observe being decidedly Baptist.

The Christian Commission had been gathering religious papers from the various congregations of the city to send to the soldiers in the Hospitals, &c., and by a misapprehension of our sexton these were given over to them. We think that we got them all back however, the only inconvenience being from the delay.

We could not prepay the freight on the box, and so send enclosed \$5.00 bill which will probably meet the expense.

The children took very great interest in this matter, and a few words of acknowledgement from you will doubtless stimulate their good impulses in the future.

In behalf of the teacher, and scholars, I subscribe myself sincerely

Your friend and well-wisher,
Chas. E. Nichols.

St. Anthony, July 27th, 1864.

Brother Jackson,

Dear Friend:

What became of Brother Platte our Missionary? I have heard nothing since I saw you in New York. Is he coming or not? Brother Strong left the proposition in relation to support of Missionary with me.

Congratulate you on your succeed in raising \$8500. for Church building. Good. Brother Rikeldaffer has had trouble in his church, and is about trying to have the pastoral relation desolved, at a collect meeting of Presbytery. It will likely be done. If so who will fill that place? I un-

derstand Brother W. to be determined to propose the question of dissolution. Mr. Hammond is in St. Paul now. Show interest more than usual. He will likely be at the Falls in a few days. How did Brother Lyon succeed? Have you moved to Rochester, &c., &c. Shall direct this to La Crescent so it may reach you. Is Brother Mills still at La Crescent?

Write me soon and all particulars.

Yours fraternally,
James A. McKee.

Florence Metz.

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

From Mr. A. B. Belknap.---	\$151
From Mrs. D. Kennedy.-----	50
From Miss Morse.-----	50
From H. M. Taber.-----	100
From Mrs. H. M. Taber.-----	50
From Mrs. Heunick.-----	15
From Mr. Hopkins.-----	10
Mr. & Mrs. Bance.-----	10
Mr. Donald.-----	5
Mrs. Sheaf.-----	50
McLanham.-----	

All of New York City.
\$426.

July 27th, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a certified check for \$13620, the amount donated to the Mission of Minnesota by its friends. This I have been requested to send you by Mrs. N. L. Rice, the Doctor being absent from home. The above is the entire amount which has been placed in her hands, or has been sent to the Rev. Dr. Rice.

With the earnest prayer that even this small amount may be productive of much good, I am,

Yours respectfully,
T. Benton Taylor.

New York, July 29, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

On the 20th I addressed you enclosing check for \$150 as therein stated, which I trust duly reached you.

At the time you addressed us in our lecture room I was much touched by the recital you gave us of the straights in which some of the Missionaries of the Domestic Field were placed. They are underpaid. The church thus in my judgment pursues a haggard policy. I have some times almost reached the conclusion to use all I have to contribute to this cause, to supplement the salaries of the men in the field, this however would be an extreme step. I desire, however, to do something in that direction. If then you are cognizant of some cases of brethren in straights, you will please draw on me for one hundred dollars for the relief of such, dividing the same into two or four parts, as in your judgment may appear best.

Yours truly,

Wm. R. Janeway.

August 2nd applied for Jas. F.

Lansingburgh, July 29, 1864.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

We have started the barrels for Chicago by canal, and to be forwarded from there by railroad. We have paid for them through to Chicago, and enclosed please find the money for the remainder of the expense. We all took a great deal of pleasure in collecting the Books, and Papers and hope to hear of their doing some good in the west. I would be glad to hear of your success in the east.

Please write soon.

Willis R. Fry.

Amsterdam, Aug. 8th, 1864.

Dear Sir:

I should have sent your instrument sooner, but in hopes of collecting more reading matter I have somewhat delayed.

I got most of the papers from Sturtevant, and the rest from Hawley. I have filled the inside of the instrument where I thought it could not damage, and put the rest around the outside, and still there is room. We have a lot of old school books here in the office I would put in but they are hard packing, I suppose they would be of use. In putting on the cover Saturday to send to you, it fell through in the middle (the instrument being on its back) and struck one of the little balls on the end of the pendant ornament in front. I shall glue it on and it will not be noticed, but I thought I would tell you how it came. You will find the key tacked inside of the box, and the directions for unpacking in one of the Illustrated Catalogues, which I believe you have. Take out no nails, only screws. That style (No. 21) has taken a rise to \$170., to take effect this week, so you made your purchase in a good time.

Hoping to hear from you on its safe arrival, I remain,
Yours &c.,
E. S. Haywood.

I send by Merchant's Dispatch as you directed. I have mine sent by freight from N. Y.

Buffalo, Aug. 12, 1864.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find draft on New York Bank for \$15.00, it being the amount of Subscription of Calvary Presbyterian Church for you. I am sorry it is not larger.

Truly yours,
L. Sweet.
for the Church.

Saturday.

Dear Brother Jackson:

You will remember that to-morrow is collection day, being first Sabbath of the month. If I should find my appointment at Oronoco at 5 P. M. I will not be able to return to Monthly Concert. You may act your pleasure as to appointing one. If held, the collection will be for our Board.

I told Fletcher's yesterday that you would preach for them a week from to-morrow. I was wrong, it is two weeks from to-morrow. I think they will be in to-morrow. By all means get this mistake of mine corrected. Chas. will sing for you.

How would it do to give out public notice to-morrow of team work for the week? Henry Graves expressed himself quite willing to give some more help. Perhaps some teams in the west neighborhood might volunteer.

My bruises, to-day, are very painful.

Your fellow servant,

Geo. Ainslie.

Mr. A. wishes me to add, "Please give notice to-morrow, of services at Mr. Forbes one week from to-morrow.

E. A.

Detroit, Mich.,

Aug. 13, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have been so harried while in Wabashaw and since leaving that I have not written you. A portion of the bill of lumber can be furnished at once. The flooring in full at 35 dollars per mo., a portion of the Sheathing, joints &c. a portion of the clear inch board.

The sills and posts will no doubt have to be cut and hewn in the big wood near Rochester, or perhaps sawed there. It will undoubtedly be the cheapest way they can be obtained. Mr. Gill, the lumber dealer at Wabashaw will be in Rochester within a week, and will call upon you. In the mean time I would by all means say to Mr. Pool we will take his store, for it is barely possible we shall need it all winter.

Yours truly,

F. W. Andrews.

New York, Aug. 15th, 1864.

No. 7 Pine Street.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Received yours, dated July 2nd and was about answering

it, enclosing to you at the same time, the letter and money from the Secretary of the S. S. Missionary Society of our Church, when I was suddenly called to the dying bed of a dearly beloved Sister in Philadelphia. Being obliged to leave the city immediately, and too much bowed down with grief at the time to write, I handed your note of July 2nd to our Secretary, returning to him also his letter to you, with the request that he would mail the letter to you according to the direction you had written in your note, and that he would oblige me by writing an apology for my not writing you. I regreted much that your engagements called you away at the time without seeing me, thus preventing us from enjoying together that farewell Christian converse. I shall ever call to mind with the most pleasing, and profitable recollections your visit to our country retreat at Bergen, and can never lose the impressions that your statements of your labors of love for Christ made upon my mind. In my yearning heart toward you and your work, my real grief was that my means would not admit of my responding to your claims, for that substantial assistance, that I in my feeble way would desire to afford you. My prayers you have for yourself, and your blessed work, and God grant that in other ways I may yet be able to cooperate with you in the Lord's Work. Last evening, at a teacher's meeting of our S. S. as also a Meeting of the Managers of our Missionary Society of our S. S., I informed them that I had just received a letter from you dated July 21st, in which you acknowledged the receipt of the \$10. from the S. S. Missionary Society, and that you would reply to the Secretary or Superintendent Mr. V. B. Lane, as soon as the amount was disposed of, and I also moved the appropriation of an additional sum of \$10, for the Sabbath School under your care, which motion was unanimously carried, and which amount our worthy Secretary will remit to you in a few days. Our next regular monthly Missionary Meeting occurs the first Sabbath in September. Could we have a few lines from you by that time to read to the children? It would be of great interest to us, the more so from you than some others we have received letters from, because as I told you when you were with us, we have seen, and talked with you. My prayer is, that the connection you have formed with our Sabbath School, may be blessed to you, as well as us, and that it may all be for the glory of God. You perceive I did not receive your former letter, and I justly deserve your rebuke for my neglect in not answering it before, in

your thinking I had not received it. It would have been answered long ere this, but that the double affliction in the death of a dear married sister, residing in Philadelphia which brought with it not only an overwhelming grief, but many attendant duties which pressed sorely upon my time, even to the absorption of other duties, writing to you being one of them. You must forgive me, and sympathize with me, and pray for us, that as a family in the dispensations of God's providence towards us, we may be submissive and each one be able to say, not my will O Lord, but Thine be done, and may our heavy bereavement which seemeth for the present not joyous but grievous, yet afterward work out for us each, a far more exceeding weight of glory, yielding the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

Having already wearied you with a much longer letter than I intended, and the time I allotted for writing it having expired, I must in haste close, by bidding you for the present good bye. With a God bless you, and your work, and with the Psalmist of old, I would pray that the beauty of the Lord may be upon you, and yours, and may He establish the work of your hands, yea O Lord, establish Thou it.

Though I have never seen your wife, yet may I presume to be remembered to her by you, as the partner in your Work for Christ, and consequently as my Sister in the Lord.

Truly your Brother I hope, in the bonds of the faith,
DeWitt Clinton Morris.

P. S. In writing to Mr. Lane, or Mr. Selridge, our Superintendent and Secretary, you had better direct to the care of Morris Brothers, No. 7 Pine Street, New York City, N. Y., and I will see them delivered. We have not yet made any disposition of our Library books, not having yet completed our arrangements, and provision for the New Library, proposing at present only to make a partial purchase of new books, and consequently only a partial withdrawal of old ones, and my fear is that many of them will not be in any fit order to send any one, being much torn and worn. Nevertheless I shall keep your need of the books before them, &c. I see you have the great Sunday School preacher, the Rev. Mr. Hammond at St. Paul. Will he make Rochester a visit. I suppose not being too far away. He is doing a grand good work for Jesus among the children. Truly a chosen instrument of God. His work is well approved, and blessed of God.

Affectionately your Brother in Christ,
D. W. C. Morris.

Rochester, Sept. 5th, 1864.

My dear Friend:

I fear that you have before this concluded that my duty had been forgotten, and the box I was to send you had been wholly neglected. But a short time after you left I was quite unexpectedly called away to Pennsylvania, and have been back but a week. One of my first efforts was to arrange and collect books and papers to send you.

I have not been as successful as I could wish but am still thankful for what has been. I sent to you to-day two boxes containing books, papers, and the Communion service presented by Mrs. Arner, and enclose the freight receipt for the same.

Since sending the same some gentlemen called on me with the view of making an addition to the number of books, and I regret that they had not called earlier. But still I shall endeavor to see that they are sent forward as soon as we can get enough to fill a box. Much interest is felt here in your new field, and I think our people will be found not only willing but glad to aid the cause of Christ by rendering through you such aid as they can.

Your letter to our school was read last Sabbath, and I was gratified to witness the pleasure with which the school heard its contents. We hope to hear from you frequently, and our desire and prayer is that the work of the Lord may prosper in your hands, and you and those over whom you are placed be greatly blessed. Tell your Sabbath School children there, that we are praying for them, and we know that God will send his blessing upon them if they will but ask it of Him.

Please write me when you can. Be assured that I wish for you all that can strengthen and encourage the Christian heart.

Yours in friendship,
Jesse Shepherd.

Winona, Sept. 12th, 1864.

Mr. Jackson:

As you have kindly volunteered to make our wants known to the proper source, I present them herewith.

As the most needful I mention Flannel, real Flannel.

Fifteen or sixteen yards is as small a quantity as is necessary to cloth the female members of our family with undergarments of that material. The cold, keen winds make it necessary as a preventative against neuralgia and rheumatism. It is necessary both to health and comfort, and so of course to usefulness to have it. Then as we are trying to do our own work, calico, because it can be washed seems to be needed. Enough for a dress for myself, and Mary, and for two or three aprons, I would like very much. I can also make over any other dresses that may be on hand. In a wealthy home there are many things cast off as no longer of use, that would suffice to make the humble home of the Missionary quite cheery and comfortable. Old Chintzes or Moreen's, something to cover old chairs and lounges that need to be renovated so often when everything is for use, and used daily. Shoes for myself and children, good stout ones are next. My own size is 3 1/2, Mary's No. 4, the other for a boy 13, large foot, a boy of four, a large foot, and a little girl of eight with a long, slim foot. Any clothes for them will come in play. A cap or hat for the little boy of four, who is large for his age, and has a large head. The rest of us have bonnets and also owing to the wonderful kind Providence of God, a supply of white clothing. My husband who weighs two hundred, needs very much two pairs of flannel drawers, a pair of good, substantial pants, and a pair of boots, and some pocket handkerchiefs. For the rest, anything to be used in a house, pins, needles, tapes, buttons, yarn, pocket handkerchiefs, stockings, gloves, &c., &c., the Missionary's family can use. Nothing can scarcely come amiss.

This seems a formidable list, but these are the wants of our family at present, and for the coming cold winter. God has been very good, and kind to us, and I doubt not he will remember us still. Blessed be His name.

Yours much obliged,
Mrs. Lyon.

Mary and I are five feet two, and I am five feet three, neither of us monsters; the other children are large of their age.

Brewster's Station, N. Y.,
Sept. 14th, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

I have just sent the ten dollars, which I promised you for the Church at Rochester to the Board of Church Extension (through W. Rankin, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions).

I neglected to send it when you were in New York on account of sickness, and I thought, that as it had been so long since I heard from you, it would now be the safest way to send it to the Board, and just as well for the Church at Rochester. I sent it with the direction that it should be devoted to that Church.

My health is still poor, and I am thinking of leaving soon for California.

Yours very truly,
Geo. F. Goodhue.

Rochester, N. Y.,
Oct. 4, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I send you herewith a draft by Monroe County Bank on Metropolitan Bank, N. Y., for forty dollars being the contribution of St. Peter's Church of this city to the Church of which you are Pastor, to assist in completing the Church edifice. Our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Yeomans handed three dollars to Mr. Hollister Treasurer of the 3d Presbyterian Church of this city which he forwarded to you for the same object I suppose with the Church collection. We should therefore be credited with a donation of forty-three dollars.

Please acknowledge receipt of draft.

Yours respectfully,
E. A. Raymond.

St. Paul, Oct. 6th, 1864.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have given you a full description of my family wants &c., such as, if you think best, can be sent last. We will

postpone purchases as long as we can in view of getting a box early. Wife does not want a box from Troy, Albany or Waterford &c., because she is known in that region, and as my last box came from Philadelphia it would be well to have this from some other place. It is only in view of my inability to support my family upon my salary, and of the inability of my people to do as much as they have done heretofore, owing to failure of crops and of lumber interests and evils connected with the war &c., that I am willing now to accept a box. During the past year I have been compelled to sell my "New American Encyclopedia", and a new carpet which I bought east last year in order to get along, and will probably be compelled to make more sacrifices of a similar kind. But I hope to be able to devote myself more earnestly and successfully to the Master's Work, and to look with child-like trust to God for all I need. Wife joins in love to Mrs. Jackson. Write me as soon as you can. I expect to remain here until Monday. Wife's health is improving. May you be greatly blessed in your great work at Rochester.

Yours in Christ,

W. W. McNair.

St. Anthony, Oct. 12, 1864.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Brother:

Bro. Riheldoffer, declines for the present, at least, the appointment of 4 . I have just written the Rev. R. B. Abbott, who visited here a few weeks ago, and with whom I and Bro. Riheldoffer both talked on this subject. We both were favorably impressed with his suitableness. I have therefore, in your absence, offered him the appointment. Do you approve? If he accepts, what directions or suggestions? If he declines who would you suggest? How shall we act as a Com. Or who shall be a Com. of the whole to act for the balance? We ought to have some understanding. I feel to be assuming too much in making the above appointment. But somebody must act as the King's business requires haste. Give your views. Mrs. McKee is better. Hope you are well ere this.

Yours Fraternally,

James A. McKee.

P. S. If Abbott fails to accept, I mean to try next

the Rev. S. Jackson. And will take no denial. You might confer a little with him beforehand on the subject. Regards to Bro. Anslie, and our friends, your teachers.

J. A. McKee.

Schoharie, Oct. 18th, 1864.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I forwarded to your address care of F. W. Andrews by American Express to-day a box of Sabbath School papers and books. I have been somewhat tardy in sending them, as part of my time has been employed in preparation for a six months labor among the freedmen in South Carolina under the direction of the "American Missionary Association". I shall not leave until the first of December, meanwhile I should like to hear of the safe arrival of the box, and to know whether they are really worth the expressage. I regret that I could not do more for you, but many of the schools that usually replenish their libraries in the summer did not do so this year on account of the times, books high and money too. Hoping you will find them of some value I enclose the bill, and remain

Your sister in labors,
E. Waterbury.

October 20. 1864.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Mrs. Potts, asking for clothing for Mr. Mercer, was handed to me as Sec'y. of our Society. We have not organized as yet for our winter's work, but your appeal for Mr. Mercer is so urgent, and strengthened too as it is by the fact, that he knew our loved Pastor, we cannot refuse to do what we can for him, even though our Society is not yet at work. It will of course be a few weeks before we will be able to send the box, but it shall be sent as soon as earnest hearts and ready workers, can get it ready, probably in about three weeks, though I cannot tell certainly. I will write you when it is sent, that you may be on the look out for it.

Our Pastor's death is a sad blow to us, we loved him so dearly, and feel that we are really a sheep without a shepherd, but the great Shepherd still lives, and we trust to Him to send us very soon another, to take our Pastor's place, for to many of us no one could ever fill it. The tie which binds a pastor to his people is when rightly appreciated, a near and tender one, and when broken must have many sad memories even though faith can say,

"I'd rather go to be with him
Than have him back again."

Mrs. Poits has rented her house, and is going to live with her daughter at Cambridge, so the last link will soon be broken that bound us to them, and we will be indeed a sad Church.

We shall hope to hear from you again, when the box arrives at least, if not before, so I will give you my address.

Miss Edgar.

29 N. 18th St.

New York.

Have you too a Mission Church? and do you too know something of the trials incident to such a field? But does not God often make up to His people by His own presence, for the self-denial they practise for Him. It seems so to me.

Yours truly,

Lizzie Edgar.

29 N. 18th St., New York.

Oct. 20th, 1864.

Faribault, Oct. 29th, 1864.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your kind letter has been received some days since. I feel very grateful to you for your efforts to help along these hard times. I deferred writing until I would get my letter from Illinois. It is now on hand, so I am ready to join our Presbytery at any time you may appoint. I will be most happy to hear from you at any time. Wishing you great success in your field, with kind regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,

James Cochran.

Lawrenceville, Oct. 30th, 1864.

Dear Bro:

I drop you a line to say that I read your letter from my pulpit last Sabbath morning, and that our ladies meet on Thursday, and will forward Rev. Mr. Frothingham a box to your care some time next week.

It will consist partly of ready made clothing, partly of material to be made, and a small draft. It is the wish of the ladies that in case the articles should not be suitable for Mr. Frothingham's family, and should chance to be more than they need, that you will see that they reach those whose needs are most urgent.

With my hearty prayers for your success, and the blessing of God upon all the dear brethren with you, I am,

Very truly yours,

A. Gosman.

New York, Oct. 31, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 25th instant is at hand enclosing check for want of signature. Pardon the omission which is now corrected and enclosed please find the same returned.

Since I wrote I have collected ten dollars more, but will defer further effort in his behalf till after the present excitement subsides, when I hope to send you for McNair say fifty more.

Yours truly,

Wm. R. Janeway.

Morristown, Nov. 1st, 1864.

Yours, Dear Brother of Oct. 17th, I found at Mr. Genungs 26th ult., having gone to B. for two days on special business. Came back Saturday evening, and now go for the winter to Mrs. Ledyards, 101 Willow Street, Brooklyn. I go home under trying circumstances to see our house of God laid waste as to any present action (it seems to me) for the Master. I shall take your letter first to Mr. Rockwell, and see if his Ladies will meet this first call from you. You may, however,

have sent him another name. Mrs. Trask hardly knows how to council me to move in the matter. I sometimes think I ought to leave Brooklyn until affairs have assumed a different shape. Mr. W. does not manifest any intention of leaving; has implied to the contrary. Our debt in heaping up, and many waiting impatiently for a change, and will leave if he does not. Mrs. Trask being away leaves me all the responsibility. It will require time for one person to canvass (as you know) even among the remaining few. A gentleman gave me ten dollars this summer for our Missionary effort. His wife promised me clothing, but has given it elsewhere. All this looks dark, but "I will try". My own expenses are so increased as to make a great hole in my small income, while the wants of my poor are increasing with the prices. Do send a name to Mr. VanDyke to supply from their abundance. I shall now write to Mr. Thayer for measures and list of articles most needed, so that Mr. Rockwell's Ladies may begin at once. After looking about I will write you again.

Over four weeks since I fell partly down stairs, was badly bruised and strained. Am now nearly well, but must be careful and not over-exert myself, or take cold. Another fetter you see, still the prospect may be better than I fear. Trusting and trying does wonders you know. Remember me kindly to Mrs. Jackson, and say in your next how Baby gets along.

As ever,

S. M. G. Merrill.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

Your letter of Oct. 18th was received, and on last Sabbath we took our collection. It is small, as I told you it would be, for whatever you may think to the contrary, we are a poor people. We collect something for each of the Boards of the Church, but in very small sums. We give it however, with hearty good will, and with our prayers for your prosperity.

You will find enclosed a certificate of deposite for \$15.82, the amount of our collection. Any of your merchants coming to New York can get the money, by presenting the paper at the Long Island Bank at Brooklyn, or the Phenix Bank, New

York.

Your friend and brother,
Jonathan Greenleaf.

Brooklyn, Nov. 4, 1864.

My dear Brother:

I send you a check for \$100.00 for your Church, and expect to add to this some more as soon as I hear from you of the safe arrival of this sum. Our people are very busy making up a box for the brethren concerning whom you wrote. Your letter produced a profound sensation with my whole Church. I thank you for it. Write us again, and let us know how you are getting on. May the Lord prosper and bless you. Keep up a good heart. These are trying days, but the Lord will take care of His Church, and His people, and Christ's promise to His Ministers yet remains, "Lo, I am with you always." I send you a and check for \$112. The twelve dollars are to be given as you may see fit to the minister who has sold his books and who is about to sell his house and contents. It has been handed in by a friend whose sympathies were aroused by your letter. I should have been glad to have seen you this summer, but being with a large party was compelled to alter my plans. Let me hear from you as soon as convenient.

Yours truly in Christ,
J. E. Rockwell.

Brooklyn, N. Y.,
November 5, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

A few months since, as you may remember, you called at my office, and invited me to contribute towards the church which is under your pastoral care, and, as I informed you, I was at that time so circumstanced that I was compelled to decline. Whilst you were in the office, two strangers entered, and waiting till your departure, they came into my private room and stated their business which was to put in my hands a case of some importance. That matter has lately been concluded, and from it I realized a very handsome

fee. Now I fancy that I see in these circumstances a providential indication that a thithe of that fee should be paid to the cause which you represented, and I therefore send you my check for \$25. May God's blessing go with it, and his richest mercies descend upon you and yours.

Yours in Christ,

S. T. Freeman.

Lawrenceville, Nov. 8, 1864.

Dear Bro:

A barrel containing articles with a list enclosed was forwarded to your care on Saturday last (Nov. 5), via Milwaukee and LaCrosse R. R. I hope it will reach you speedily. We would have expressed it through, but were advised not to do so. You will please find enclosed a draft on N. Y. for sixty-six dollars and fifteen cents (\$66.15) to your order. It was thought that perhaps the money would be of more immediate use than any articles we could purchase with it. We did not know anything of Mr. F.'s family and therefore trouble you with the box. It is the wish of our ladies that you would see that it reaches Mr. R., and if on reading over the list you find that any of the articles are unsuited to his family, or that the money can be spent more advantageously for others of the brethren, that you would use your discretion. You will of course take out of the draft whatever may be needed to pay the freight and expense on the barrel. We could not prepay them.

Trusting that they will soon reach you, and prove acceptable, I am yours

Very affectionately,

A. Gosman.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Will you be so good as to advise me of their arrival. Enclosed is a list of the articles in the barrel.

Princeton, Nov. 8th.

Dear Sir:

After receiving your letter, I wrote at once, by the very next mail, to the gentleman you mentioned, asking for particulars as to his family, but have received no answer.

I also requested him to give me the name of some reliable person to whom the box may be sent by express, at the point nearest him to which the express goes. Of course we do not wish to prepare and send a box on this uncertainty. Can you write to Mr. Kemper, or give us the name of some one else? I think it would be pleasant to send to the one who is in the most desperate need. Please let us hear soon, also concerning the direction of the box.

Respectfully yours,
Janetta Alexander.

November 16, 1864.

The Presbytery of Southern Minnesota in session at Rochester, Nov. 16th, 1864, feeling a deep interest in the successful planting of a Presbyterian Church at Rochester, Minn., and recognizing the great importance of a suitable Church building, do hereby recommend the Rev. Sheldon Jackson to both the confidence and the liberal contributions of any to whom he may apply for assistance in the erection of the said Church.

Geo. Ainslie, Moderator.

Sheldon Jackson.
Stated Clerk.

Victor, Ontario County, N. Y.,
Nov. 16th, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Sir:

While visiting in Rochester last spring, I learned that a friend and class-mate of my brother (Jesse Shepherd) had visited him and won his interest particularly in your mission. It was natural that I too should become interested in a cause, presented by his esteemed friend, and wishing to contribute something to the Home Missions, I decided to send it to your care, and for your Church or Mission. I therefore enclose five dollars (\$5.00) to be thus appropriated. Wishing it a safe arrival, and hoping your

labors may be abundantly blessed, I am,

Very respectfully yours,
Mrs. M. Lewis, Jr.

P. S. I should be glad to hear of its safe arrival.

Brooklyn, Nov. 16, 1866.

My dear Brother:

I sent you a letter some few days since, enclosing \$100. for your Church, and \$12. for some poor Missionary who might need it. I have not yet heard whether you have received the letter, though ten days have elapsed since I sent it. I now write again to say that we expect this week to send a large box for Rev. Mr. Cochran, of Faribault, addressed to your care. What is for Mr. C.'s family will be at the bottom, but write you to open the box, and take off the upper layers, and send them to some other needy brethren. Some of the books to the one who sold his library for food. Your letters have aroused an intense sympathy with my whole Church; their offerings have come in nobly. Keep up heart my brethren, you and your associates. There are friends here who care for you, and sympathize with you in your labors. My own heart goes out after you all. Were I afloat I should soon drift somewhere for a period of labors. As it is I am glad to do all I can for you. You are doing foundation work my dear Brother. I often wish it were my lot to be in some western field of labor ever with all its trials and self-denial. But you have the promise of Him who has sent you, "I am with you always."

I am sorry our box has been delayed. But it has taken time to get together, and it is well we took time as it has grown to be valuable. And we shall have to depend on you to see that it is properly dispensed of after you have sent what we mean for Mr. Cochran.

Whatever expense you may be at after the box reaches you, write to me, and I will see you are repaid, or take it out of the money which may yet be left after we purchase for the box, and which we shall send you to distribute. Let us hear from you soon.

Yours truly,
J. E. Rockwell.

Rochester, Minn., November 17, 1884.

My Dear Daughter:

I wrote you yesterday from Winona. We arrived here yesterday about 5 P. M., we were very agreeably surprised to find that Sheldon was to be installed in the evening. We met us at the cars. The Presbytery had been in session at his house. Mr. and Mrs. Spear staid here, Simeon went out to sleep; Mary and baby went up stairs, slept in the room with him. We took their bed. The installation sermons were interesting. Mr. Spear preached the sermon, Mr. Croves proposed the questions, Mr. Ainslie gave the charge to the Minister, Mr. Mitchell to the people. I like Mr. Spear very much; his wife is also quite agreeable. They left this morning -- the other ministers have been going and coming all the morning. This afternoon we are having a little quiet. Your father and Sheldon have gone out to Mr. Ainslie's. Daisy has not grown very much; she is a real busy body, when I first commented this letter I thought I should not be able to write -- she snatched my ink, then the portfolio, &c. &c. Daisy has a bad cold, the sitting room is very small and not very warm in it. We found snow from Chicago here, sleigh running slow, but the sleighing is not very good. I want you to get one quarter of a yard of that Merino for Daisy's dress -- do not send it. The ten dollars were received -- hope you are well. I fear you will be very lonely -- take good care of yourself.

Affectionately,
Mother.

P. S. Did you get my last letter with \$25. from Mr. Freeman.

 Rochester, Minn.,
 Nov. 17th, 1864.

Rev. and Mr. Cousin:

This will introduce Rev. Jackson of this city to you, who by the blessing of God, has been very successful in introducing Presbyterianism and building Churches in this state and in Wisconsin. This is a very important point, a rapidly growing city. He is building a church here, and visits you to solicit aid. I sincerely hope you will receive him favorably.

Fraternallly yours,
 A. D. Kemper.

 St. Charles,
 Nov. 18, 1864.

Dear Brother:

Here is a list of articles which we much need. Three Koson shirts, neck binding 17 inches, wristband 9 inches. Black suit, pair of common winter pants, socks, mittens, or gloves, any kind of wrapping very acceptable. We each much need a heavy winter shawl, and Mrs. A. winter dress, woolen stockings, sack for indoors wear, under flannels, one or two heavy comforters (two yards square) last winter used our buffalo on the bed. I need a heavy shawl or blanket or heavy overcoat to throw over all, on my cold rides over the country during the winter. I mention to you our anticipation in reference to our family by having an increase if it is the Lord's will, and you may send for such things as you know must be necessary under such circumstances, as we have nothing as yet suitable for such a visit in the way of dress. Brother you might speak of my jurnies during the winter, about thirty miles to reach my appointments every other Sabbath, often have to carry axe and shovel to dig and cut my way through drifts and fences often. By speaking of these things they will have some idea what we need to make us comfortable. We will be very much obliged to you in securing such comforts for us if it is within your power.

Brother dress this up in your own language to suit your self. You know our circumstances, our wants and what we are doing. May the Lord guide and direct each of us and make us respond in gathering souls into the kingdom of God, Amen. And at last crown us with eternal life in glory.

Your brother in the gospel,
H. L. Cra en.

That which we have not mentioned, and you think we need send for them.

Eau Claire, Wis.,
Nov. 21st, 1864.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your note with contents was received a few days since. I need hardly say how much I was surprised at the goodness of God in sending me such a present. You doubtless have learned from Br. Leo my situation here, that I have resigned and expect to leave by spring, &c. I am making efforts to secure a post Chaplaincy with considerable success, but what the result will be cannot tell. God has dealt with us so graciously of late, and has so interposed in our behalf, that we can trust Him very confidently and cheerfully for the future. We are getting ready to leave on short notice should such become our duty, selling off what we can spare, paying up my debts &c. On our return from Synod we found Lizzie, our oldest daughter just coming down with typhoid fever. She has been very low, and is just commencing to sit up and walk a little. Minnie also was quite sick for a week but we broke up her fever by the use of water, and she is now quite well. Wife's health is not very good. I enclose a letter to my unknown friend. His present was a noble one, and came just when most needed. I thank you my dear brother for your kindness in the matter, and in reference to the box. I have heard nothing concerning the box, but it will come at the right time, I doubt not. I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving. I have a turkey promised me. I can write no more at present as I must hasten with this to the post-office. Wife joins me in kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in Christ.

W. W. McNair.

Please read the enclosed and forward it.

Princeton, N. Y.,
Nov. 21st, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Brother:

I enclose you eleven dollars (\$11.00) sent me by anonymous donors for you, in furtherance of the object you presented in my pulpit when here. This, I believe, added to what has been sent before, will make \$111.00. When you come East again, you must not fail to come to Princeton, and preach to us.

Yours truly,
J. W. Macdonald.

Caledonia, Nov. 22nd, 1864.

Brother Jackson:

I fully expected to be with you last week, but was not able to leave. I am really sorry, for it was a disappointment to myself, perhaps to others. I hope that you had a good meeting.

Mr. Brainard's Church of Easton had already offered me a box when yours arrived. I must decline the Lawrenceville box, and have written to Bro. John, to know if he wants it. Meanwhile I do not write to Dr. Gosman, knowing that the box when prepared will come good for some one, and waiting until I learn if John will take it. Of course, you may reply to Lawrenceville if you think it best.

I am pleasantly situated now. Hope that you are getting on well. Buell is elected County Attorney by a few votes. All the other (Republican) ticket by 150 majority. Prentiss is Sheriff. Our Church is distracted by politics, but things are better than a month ago. Sheldon Church is vigorous.

I have no horse, and am walking to appointments, &c. Mrs. F. joins in regards to yourself and Mrs. J.

Yours in the Gospel,
Jas. Frothingham.

Brooklyn, Nov. 22, 1864.

My dear Brother Jackson:

Our people have sent in so much that one box will not

hold all. They have sent a valuable box to Bro. Cochran with at least \$300. A second one is sent to you, which you will please send to any needy brother, Mr. Thage if you like. I am thankful that our Heavenly Father has put it into my peoples heart thus to aid the dear brethren out West. I thank you for your letters which have been the means of calling out these charities, and thus creating a sympathy between us and you. Keep up heart my brethren, and God will help you, and build you up, and be with you. All the expense of these boxes we wish to pay. Let us know what they are if any. Let us hear from the brethren who get the boxes. Perhaps you had better open the one we send to you. They come by express. Mr. Cochran's is directed to him via La Crosse. If there is any delay please look after the matter, and inform us. I wish I could see the ministers open the boxes They are richly filled with all sorts of good clothes. Everything is put into order, and many newly made.

God bless you all.

Yours truly,

J. E. Rockwell.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I hoped ere this, to have been able to write you of the shipment of the barrel of clothing for Mr. Mercer, but we have been prevented from sending it, owing to circumstances which we could not control. It was packed to-day, and will be sent tomorrow by express, according to your directions, with the express charges, of course, prepaid. It has been a pleasure to us to send this barrel of clothing, because Mr. Mercer was a friend of dear Dr. Potes'. We would do anything for his sake, as we cherish so sacredly his memory. I have written to Mr. Mercer, and enclose the letter to you. Will you see that he receives it safely? It has money in it.

For yourself, Mr. Jackson, please accept the enclosed \$20.00 from our Society, it may serve to buy something for yourself or family, which otherwise you must do without, and will at least be a reminder to you of unknown but Christian friends in New York.

I shall be anxious to hear of the safe arrival of the barrel. I wish sometimes that I could watch the unpacking

of the boxes, which I lend a hand in packing, and hear all that is said as one thing after another is revealed.

Are you any where near Lake City? We sent a box last spring to Mr. Spear who preaches there, and were very much interested in him. He came to see me, when he came on to General Assembly. He said he was quite anxious to see his unknown correspondent.

With Christian sympathy and interest for you and yours in your mission work, I am,

Yours truly,

Lizzie Edgar.

29 North 18th Street, New York.

Nov. 22nd, 1864.

Brooklyn, Nov. 25, 1864.

My dear Brother:

I send you a check for fifteen dollars out of which I want you to pay any expenses which may accrue from the box we send you by express for the use of one or more Mission families in need, and give the rest where the money is most needed. We have sent a box to Bro. Cochran with at least \$550. We send a valuable one to you, which I hope will take the place of the one Dr. Werts' people were to send, but did not. My people have responded well to your call. May God help every brother on the frontier in this way. We thank you for the opportunity of helping these brethren a little. We shall want to hear from them, and keep up a sympathy with you all. Our people would like to step behind the door when the box is opened, and see the joy of the family to whom it comes. May the Lord bless you and your work.

Truly yours,

J. E. Rockwell.

Buffalo, Nov. 28, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 7th was duly received, and though so long unanswered, the subject has not been neglected. Had we attempted such a matter two years ago it could

have been easily accomplished. But there has been such a constant and urgent demand for the soldiers, and their families, that people seem to have exhausted their stock of clothing, &c., and at the same time suffered their sympathies to be so absorbed in this one thing that they have nothing left to give to any thing else. And so it has been a long process to get the box filled, and even now it does not answer my wishes and expectations; but such as it is I hope you will accept, and dispose of as you think best, hoping as I do that you may have a better and more valuable one at another time. I am sorry it is not more valuable, many of the articles can be made over for the children. If it affords as much happiness to the recipients as it has to me (as far as I have had a hand in collecting and sending it) it will accomplish some good. From my own experience I know what such assistance is. The Lord will provide. Blessed promise, it makes our dark hours bright.

The box was dispatched on Saturday the 26th, by the Merchants dispatch, directed to Rev. Sheldon Jackson, care of Mr. F. W. Andrews, Rochester, Minnesota. The charges are paid. Enclosed you will find \$2. (two dollars). Please let me know when you receive it, and if you had any trouble or charges.

Wishing you and yours every needed blessing, believe me affectionately,

Grace E. Burtis.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Being much interested in a letter from you to Mrs. Rice, speaking of the distress among the western Missionaries, I thought I would try to do what I could to relieve them in a small measure. I have collected a few articles, and regret very much there is not more. The Box will be sent by express, directed to you in the care of I. R. look.

F. R. M.

Brooklyn, Nov. 28th, 1864.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have written as you directed to Rev. Charles Thayer, Wisconsin, and received his reply. All things having been

considered, we decided to send him fifty dollars. We made the deposite in the "Bank of New York", and wrote him to draw for the same, adding we should send Mrs. Thayer a clock and hat in the little box which a few Sunday School Teachers were preparing for your benefit. Are not Bro. Rockwell's Ladies doing nobly for your field? He sent me word they were preparing a second box. Our Church is apparently in its death struggle, and Mr. West does not leave, we must, to all human appearance, go down. I attend Church on Clinton Avenue, Dr. Eddington's, Congregationalist. Mr. W. said Providence sent him to the 2nd Presbyterian, and Providence must provide him another place before he leaves his present charge. What infatuation! He has killed the Church. I propose giving, and collecting all the money I can, for you to hold, and distribute, as you may best do for present relief to those who can be benefitted thereby. What we thus give is aside from and not to interfere with your calling for boxes of clothing from any quarter. I shall send you probably a few articles in your box to be disposed of as you think best. I wrote Mr. Thayer I should request you to obtain a box for him. Let me hear from you what you think of my plan, and also if you are getting relief for any cases you named in your last, &c. My kind love to Mrs. Jackson, say how Baby is getting along in your next.

Mr. Terry would doubtless have given you something, but others have stepped in and received what might have been yours you have seen and interested him. Such calls you know are endless. Mr. T. gave me \$10. for Mr. Thayer.

In Christian bonds,
S. M. G. Merrill.

Monday Morning.

Dear Sir:

I enclose ten dollars, for the great object which was presented by the Rev. Mr. Jackson, last evening in the Church.

Sincerely your friend,
J. N. Woodhull.

Charlton, Saratoga Co., N. Y.,
Nov. 28, 1864.

My dear Mr. Jackson:

I fear that you begin to despair of an answer to your very interesting letter.

It has occasioned delay by my having to write to New York for a draft. I enclose check for \$28. by Carpenter and Mott. to your order on Importers and Traders Bank, New York, and \$2. which have been handed in since I wrote for the check.

I read your letter from the pulpit, and the congregation was well pleased. It does us all good to respond to such appeals, and creates a healthful sympathy between the widely separated portions of the Church.

We have quite a large Ladies Sewing Circle at work every Friday evening, trying to get ready as soon as possible a package of clothing for you to use or distribute as need may be. This will be forwarded as soon as possible. Our contributions are smaller than you get from more wealthy places, but rest assured, dear Brother, they are given by persons of warm hearts and attended with earnest prayers that you who are laboring in the front rank may be successful in extending the kingdom, and personally blessed.

I am much obliged to you for affording me the opportunity for cultivating among this people the grace of giving.

Yours truly,
J. N. Crocker.

Schoharie, Nov. , 1864.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Brother:

As soon as I heard of your need, I went out among the friends in the village, and obtained \$7. which I send you. I did hope to get the full amount, but in the midst of the preparation for the soldier's Thanksgiving dinner, and aid for the Christian Commission, it is not so easy to collect money as at other times, yet I found cheerful givers.

We hope that you may now be able to obtain the box, and that the contents may prove a great blessing to those for whom it is designed.

You will find in it a German book which goes with the

prayers of a devoted Christian lady, a German, a friend of mine. If you find a German who wishes it, and it would not be to much trouble for you, let us hear from it again: some day.

Owing to unavoidable delays we do not start south until January. We are to go to Beaufort, S. C. The situation is ready for us as soon as we can go.

Meanwhile let me hear of the safe arrival of the money as there is some risk, and address me at Schoharie, as my letters will be forwarded from here should I leave before.

I remain in Christian fellowship, and missionary labors,
your sister,

R. Waterbury.

Albany, Dec. 2, 1864.

Dear Brother Jackson:

The ladies of the Sabbath School met on Wednesday afternoon, (30th ult.) and putting their own contributions with the pulpits, made up the complement for that box of which you wrote several months ago, according to the enclosed inventory.

I regret not having been able to acknowledge your note, and interesting letter to the School which was read at our monthly concert, but I trust this will prove a satisfactory contribution to your fair, and somewhat add to the net avails of it. We are gratified that we can have a little part in the good work. I trust the box will arrive in good season. I will write again in the meantime, in the next few days.

Yours most cordially,
in behalf of the Sabbath School,
Chas. B. Nichols.

New York, Dec. 5th, 1864.

Dear Sir:

I feel that I have been quite in not stating in my former letter that the box now in preparation for the Rev. Mr. Kemper is not from Mr. Macdonald's Church, but from the 2nd Presbyterian Church of Princeton, of which Dr. Mann is Pastor, and with which I have been connected since our home was broken up in the upper part of the town. I ought

to have mentioned this, so that you might, if you thought necessary, make an application for some one else to the 1st Church, but it did not occur to me at the time, although you mentioned that church (supposing me to be connected with it) I naturally went to work in my own Church. The ladies have entered into it with a good deal of spirit, though a small and comparatively feeble congregation there is a good deal of spirit and benevolence.

Truly yours,

J. Alexander.

Winona, Dec. 7, 1864.

My dear Mrs. Jackson:

I am very reluctant to intrude my domestic matters upon your attention when you have so many cares of your own, but I write to know whether you know if Mr. Jackson countermanded the letter for a box for us. I mentioned to him when he was here without having time to explain that we expected to share with the Frothingham's in the box from Cincinnati. The "Box" has arrived, and I am well supplied with flannel and the substantials in general, bleached muslin, &c., and Mary and I seemed to absorb all the contents of the box beside, there was nothing for Johnny or Sandy, absolutely nothing. Now my quandary is where to get clothes for them, as Sandy has only one suit for school and church which will soon be done with. If there was anything coming through Mr. J. means I would wait for that awhile, if not, I must write to Mr. Lyon to get a box from them from N. Y. or some place, or lay out twenty-five or thirty dollars which I can ill afford to do at present. Can you write me at your earliest convenience and let me know if Mr. J. wrote anything further about it.

Can't you come down and spend Christmas week with us in Mr. Jackson's absence. I would enjoy a visit with you very much. My sister is nearly well though still very weak. We are in usual health.

Yours affectionately,

Mrs. D. C. Lyon.

Owatonna, Dec. 7, 1864.

My dear Mrs. Jackson:

Your note addressed to my wife was received by yesterday, in company with the barrel and package, by the hand of Mr. Mercer: all apparently right.

My dearly beloved wife was not here to receive your kind salutation, or the benefactions of those unknown friends who have so bountifully supplied our bodily wants. May the Lord bless you and them with the comforts of everlasting life and glory.

I am afflicted. Nevertheless, I am comforted in the confidence that my much loved, and faithful and loving wife has gone to be forever with the Lord. The last eight days of her life, her sufferings were constant and intense. She complained that her mind was so overborne and distracted by pain that she could not collect her thoughts as she desired. But her mind was clear to the last, and unwavering in hope of future happiness. You will find a very brief obituary in the Presbyterian Observer.

I believe that Mrs. Rice is with you; give her my kind remembrance.

I thank your husband for his kind offices in our behalf. Remember me to Rev. and Mrs. Ainsley.

Yours in Christ,
H. Chapin.

The exchange of articles of which you speak, I presume is all right. For some of the articles sent, I shall not find ready use in my family; but they can be sold or exchanged for things we do really need. Myself and my two boys need coats, pants, vests, socks, which must be supplied very soon. If others need more than I, I am ready to impart; and shall do so when duty is made known to me. Yet, I shall find use for all in the way I speak, if no opportunity occurs demanding the other course.

Yours,
H. C.

Mrs. Jackson.

Hixton, Jackson Co., Wis.,
Dec. 16th, 1864.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your very kind note enclosing \$50.00 has been received. Mr. Wells had it one week before seeing me which accounts for the delay in answering. I have written a note of thanks to Dr. Grosman.

I had just returned from a donation which had been held at Mr. Woodhouse's. It was deemed best to have whatever had been subscribed collected in that way. But it did not prove very successful, and if circumstances connected with that subject were only fully stated, you would agree with me in regarding the generous gift, as truly a gift in season and on some accounts all the more acceptable.

May the Lord abundantly reward these kind, considerate friends for their substantial tokens of interest in His cause, and may we His servants feel ourselves under greater obligations to be diligent and faithful in the work to which we are called.

I am just preparing to attend to preaching engagements in the Pine Hill neighborhood, twenty miles distant. I will not return till Tuesday, and will then have a long journey before me to Winona to preach for Mr. Lyon. I had promised him to go for first Sabbath in January, Mr. Wells to go the last Sabbath in December. He has prevailed on me however, to go for both days, so as to make one journey do all, and then he will come and help me at some extra services at Whitehall to make up for one Sabbath's absence there. If it were not so far I would love to go and see you. Mrs. Herron will not accompany me. This wintry weather is so changeable, it would not be pleasant. She will probably improve the time in visiting some of the friends at Hixton. We are both well, and doing as well as could be expected in our "snug quarters". We had a very pleasant surprise lately in a visit of Aunt Marguerite McIntyre of Perth, and two cousins. She was on a visit to her brother at Wilmington, Illinois, and came in to see us. She had a "hard" time getting here from Sparta. But I got a conveyance from here to take her back, which was much better. I was glad she came. It will give people East better ideas of the West to see for themselves, and I hope enlist more of their sympathy in the cause for which we are here. Our rooms at present are quite small, but comfortable for winter, and in spring we hope to get into a better house. We, of course, are housekeeping.

Fortunately there was a good friend living near by us, so we "contrived" to entertain our visitors very comfortably.

As for clothing, the most I need is a warm coat and pants for every day use, something like a business coat. But unless you find it convenient to send, don't trouble yourself.

With much love to Mrs. Jackson,

I remain, yours sincerely,

David Harron.

There is a man here about to leave and settle in Minnesota, and I am anxious to have him get into a good neighborhood where he would have preaching, &c. If you know of any good farms for sale, you might write. He has some means.

New York, Dec. 22, 1864.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Bro.

Agreeably to mine of the 31st of Oct. last, I have the pleasure of handing to you the enclosed check for sixty dollars, in aid of Rev. W. W. McNair, as the result of subscriptions from sundry members of our church, and congregation, ranging from \$10. to \$40.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of Nov. with McN.'s of the 29th instant, and note contents as highly satisfactory, particularly as names were not mentioned.

Yours truly,

Wm. R. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Dear Brother:

I enclose the cash contribution of \$10.00, which was to accompany the box sent the 1st inst. but which I trust will arrive in time that part of it may be applied in the payment of charges.

Our preparation for the usual Anniversary of the school in Novr. had occupied so much of the time of Dr. March, the Secretary & myself that we hardly knew what response this matter

of the box would meet when it should be fairly brought before the school, and so I omitted writing until able to speak with positiveness.

The School is increasing somewhat, and we pray and hope for more grace to abound in our hearts and more unqualified zeal to be manifest in this service of our Master. We have now a Pastor whom we are assured the Great Head of the Church has sent to us; and in whom we are perfectly united. Pray that the blessing of the Spirit may be poured forth plentifully and its converting & sanctifying power be felt in the hearts of the scholars this winter.

Yours in Christ,
Chas. B. Nichols.

Brooklyn, Dec. 23d, 1864.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I have received both of your letters & should have answered before this, if I could have done so, without disappointing you; but the truth is, that I found our people so hard to interest, that I nearly despaired myself of getting up a box at all for you; but now I can answer you; and tell you that with the help of some friends out of the Church, & some in it, you will receive a little box by the last of January. I should very much like to have had one contribution to your fair much larger than it will be but still I know, that you will be pleased to see that some of us remember our Missionary, if he is away out West.

How is Mr. & Mrs. Frothingham, & how far away is he settled from you. I hope that they have not found it necessary to leave their field of labor; although not acquainted personally with them, I still feel interested. & your own "Daisy," how is she?

If there is anything contained in the box, such as hoods, &c., that your family need, please accept them, as a gift, & if Mrs. Frothingham is in need of a hood, give her the choice, also, before they are placed on your table at the Fair. Begging of you to excuse my seeming neglect, & hoping soon to hear from you, I would wish love to your Wife,

Remain your sincere friend.

Annie C. Cruikshank,
Care of Augustus Cruikshank,

55 Broadway,
New York.

Dr. Jackson:

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you 10c. for our Church - only ten cents- but there is not in all these United States such another ten cents - for me - though the little bills were piled ever so high before me, -and all a gift-. Far away in the Cherokee forests, ten years ago there lived a Cherokee lad- Goo-ees-goo-ee-, or Yellow-Bird - as careless & happy & merry a ten year old fellow as ever was little, Yellow Feathers, himself. In our Mission School I taught him what I could, though shut out from giving him the religious instruction. I could have wished, by reason of our differing language. He made apparently little improvement, but deep down in his young heart, there grew the little plant of Gratitude.- Gratitude to the weary white teacher who was doing what little she could for him. I do not know that he yet understands much religious truth, for I doubt his knowledge of English, and the blood-red hand of War, has burned to the ground the little Mission Church where he used sometimes to hear the Word of God interpreted, at the same time silencing in death, the voice of the good interpreter who sometimes told the boy of Jesus - Hunted like "a partridge upon the mountains" because his father is loyal to our Government, he has enlisted in our Army and can seldom visit home in safety. Want & starvation are familiar acquaintances in the cabins of the Cherokees in these trying times, and the boy devotes most of his service money to the support of his Mother's young family.

On his last visit home, when it was necessary to send 50 miles to draw rations for the almost starving family, he bade an elder sister write me - "I do all I can to help my Mother, but I must send you these 10cts. for remembrance of you long time ago". So here are Goo-ees-goo-ee, 10cts--I cannot spend them for myself - They are too dear a remembrance of mission life to be lightly put away for common uses--Little as it is-, it is worth to me many dollars of money from any other source, and I will with your permission add it to our Church building fund - not because it is so much, but because its value to me is so great that I wish to devote it to the very best purpose possible - and when our Church shall be completed & we there pray that a pure Gospel may there be preached, we will also add "and unto those who have not thy word may it soon be given".

M. E. Ainslie.

(Hereunto is added a 10 ct. note.)

Brooklyn, Decr. 24th/64.

Dear Brother Jackson:

I wrote you some weeks since stating what we had sent Bro. Thayer (\$50.00) & that we would send Mrs. Thayer a Cloak & Hat, at the same time begging you to apply for a box for him elsewhere.

Mr. Thayer acknowledged the reception of said money. I have collected about forty dollars more to which I will add, & in the way you will recommend, forward to you to dispense in small sums, as you may see, necessity among those Clergymen with whom you have intercourse. Frequently ten dollars will relieve a pressing necessity.

Please write me what you think of this plan.

The Trasks will stay in Morristown, a month longer & then board in New York until Spring; they have requested letters of dismissal from the 2d. Presbyterian to join Dr. Irving Church in Morristown. Mr. West will not leave, & our congregation continues to lessen. A mortgage of six thousand will soon oblige us to close the Church doors & confess we are dead, no collections taken save one for the Church S.School, though the people will give. We have no redress in O. S. Presbyterianism, I am told Mr. West says God sent him here, & must send him to some other Church or place. Our condition is sickening I now attend a Congregational Church, Dr. Buddington's on Clinton Avenue. An appeal has been made to Presbytery to consider our condition and advise to a course of action, stating what we were a few years ago, & what we are now. We shall now test the truth or falsity of the opinion that our church Courts must let us die. Mr. West can hold his position if he chooses, though he is no Shepherd to the flock. It is very sad, terribly so, but God reigns, & does all things well.

Do let me hear from you soon, as to my proposition, & tell me how you are getting along with the church & Congregation. describe Baby. With love for Mrs. J. & yourself.

As ever yours in Christ.

S. M. G. Merrill.

Prescott, Wis. Dec. 26, 1864.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

An attack of Jaundice prevented an earlier reply to your kind note of the 14th. The remittance of Mrs. Merrill was very timely, & the clothing you speak of would be very acceptable in my family. My children (all boys) are aged re-

spectively 10, 8, & 5 1/2, & their height is 3ft. 5 1/2 inches, 4 ft. 1 inch, & 4ft. 2 1/4 inches.

A package sent by Express should be directed to me at Prescott & sent to Hastings, Minn. which is our nearest Express Office in the winter.

I go once in 4 weeks to Fannington, Dakota Co. Minn. on the stage route from Rochester to St. Paul. I might get a package from there without delay or expense, if left there with Mr. Slack, Merchant. & P.M. But I presume the Express to Hastings would be more reliable.

May God reward you for all your kindness & His blessing distil beautifully upon your people.

Kindest regards to Sister Jackson.

Fraternally,

Charles Thayer.

Brooklyn, Janr. 10/65.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of Jan 2d. was truly welcome. I had felt you were too busy to write me a line. Where can your letter with Photograph have strayed to? I cant. afford to lose either. The box sent to you by the S. School Teachers was packed yesterday, & probably sent off to day, our last that can go free through An. Ex. Co., We send to your care three Cloaks, two Hats, pr. gaiters & I hope a bundle of woolen stockings, they were promised me. The light velvet hat is for Mrs. Thayer, and Mrs. Jackson will please select the cloak she thinks Mrs. Tracy may prefer. You will know how to dispose of the remaining articles, cloaks, hats, &c.

My heart bounds with joy that relief has come to our Missionaries. It seems Mr. V Dykes Ladies are preparing a box for a family whose name you sent them. You will grieve to know Bro. Rockwell is in trouble, disaffection in his Church- when will these troublous scenes give place to God's own work in His Churches? As regards our fold the dark cloud lifts. On consultation, Mr. W - advised that no appeal be made to Presbytery (to consider our inability to sustain the Gospel as we had purposed doing) but that those members who were about leaving should be advised to stay, he meaning to leave ere long, all action was then suspended joyfully, as there had been a great unwillingness to take any steps tending to injure Mr. West. Pray for us.

I just learn Mr. Robinson of Henry St. Church has asked a dismissal one plea is inadequate salary, other reasons

were not told me, so it goes. Mr. West's last Thanksgiving sermon has (by request) been published, but I have failed to get any but the copy Mr. W. sent me, it is splendid, if I can get some copies will send you one; he is a wonderfully talented Scholar.

I rejoice with you that you are worshipping in your pleasant room, (can almost see you there) may God pour out His Spirit & revive His church all over the land, we are in perishing need of it, this must be our plea.

Our S. School appears well externally & Mr. Spelman is a good man - the seed being sown we should expect a crop. I will get the money in shape to send you now & enclose it in this if my friend goes to N. York to morrow. The Trask's are D.V. coming to N. York in about two weeks. Mrs. Enos was in B. last week, they are all well. My niece, Miss Thayer is now recovering from whooping-cough, desires kind regards. Kiss Baby for me, & receive much love for Mrs. J. & yourself, from your Sister in Christ.

S. M. G. Merrill,

101 Willow St.

Brooklyn.

The Laefants of C. Avenue will be in N. Orleans. after this week until June.

Eau Claire, Wis.

Jan. 7th, 1865.

Dear Br. Jackson:

Your very kind letter with contents was rec'd yesterday. I know not how to express my appreciation of your interest in our welfare. We feel, I assure you, very thankful to you and to the good friends East, and our prayer often is that God would abundantly bless those who have so liberally aided us. I have never been placed in circumstances where I have been called upon to trust so implicitly in God's gracious Providence, & when that trust has been so signally & variously honored by God. Wife's health has been very feeble for two months and her troubles are of such a character that it seems necessary that she should as soon as possible be relieved of the cares of such a family & be put where she can have competent medical advice & treatment. I have therefore decided to have her visit Dr. Dio Lewis of Boston, and am expecting to accept a Regimental Chap'cy offered me in Sheridan's Army, if I hear again favorably concerning it, and to leave here next month. We are making arrangements to provide for the children

Brooklyn, Jan. 16th, 1865.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

My dear Friend:

I have received your letter to the Sabbath School, & also to myself. I was pleased to hear from you again, & thank you for them both. The box started last Wednesday, by the American Express Co. & I hope it will arrive in time for your fair, although it is hardly worth sending. Mrs. Merrill you must thank, (not me), for the bonnet & three cloaks (which do not go to the fair) are for private use, also a girls hat, she had collected these, & wishes to send them at this time. I will tell you why I could not succeed any better, in getting up a box. First our Church is being divided, few for Dr. West the majority against him among the last is Mrs. Merrill, & if the whole church turned against him, I do not think we could, our sympathies & love are given to him: so fixed are the feelings of my husband & myself that if the Dr. settles anywhere in Brooklyn or New York, we go with him. I having grown up, to look up to a Pastor, & never being allowed to criticise a sermon or to speak a word against a Minister; it therefore seems so horribly wicked, to act as our people are acting toward Dr. West, that I hardly mix at all with them: so you can plainly see that I would not succeed, I only hope you will have success, & my prayers are with you. There is a little knitted red & white circular for "Daisie", to throw round her in the Spring, when the days are too cool for her to go out without something round her, & the little white hood if it will fit her; let her have her choice of a Dolly. I wish the collection were larger & better; I only hope it may do a little good. I should like if possible your likeness & the likeness of your wife & "Daisie", or is it impossible? Give my love to Mrs. Jackson, & tell her & Mrs. Frothingham to take each a hood. Mr. Cruikshank wishes to be kindly remembered to you, also my Sister & Brother, & with best wishes I would remain as ever yours

Sincerely,

Annie C. Cruikshank.

Owatonna, Jan. 20, '65.

Dear Br:

Your recent letter was duly received. The \$10. check,

I think came from my former Donor. of Shippensburg. I have not yet found time to look up her correspondence, to compare the names. I shall do it, and soon write, directing as you admonish. All the benefactions coming to me through the hands of my fellow man, I of course receive as from Him who feeds the ravens, and especially regards the wants of His believing people.

Tell Mrs. Jackson that our Daughter was thought by both her parents, too young to dress in mourning; (Black). Moreover she has a good supply for some time, having received through your own hands the articles she needed. The dresses will do for some one who needs them more.

I thank you and your good Wife for your care for us in our sorrows.

We are all well, and comfortably provided for by the hand of a gracious Providence. I hope to see you at East Prairieville, on the appointed day. I hope we shall have a profitable meeting of our New Presbytery.

Yours truly,

H. C. Chapin.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

N. Y., Jan'y. 27th.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I received your favor of the 17th inst. reporting the arrival of the boxes. Thank you kindly for the disposal of the contents so satisfactorily. Truly "it is more blessed to give than to receive". I received a letter from Rev. Mr. Gage, & when the "Doreas Ladies" shall have heard it read, they will rejoice with me that all we sent him was just the very things he most needed, & for which he expresses much gratitude. You will find my check enclosed for the express charges & I thank you again for thus attending to our business. I will bear in mind your wish for a copy of the Centennial exercises, & will when they are out send you one. I will also at our next meeting speak of the music for Miss Chapin, & hope to be able to send her some. We shall be glad to hear from her, these letters are very gratifying to us, & serve as an encouragement to us, in our labors of love we hope.

In haste truly yours,

P. A. Lathrop.

Jersey City, Feb. 2d, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minna.

Dear Bro.:

Your several acts. of various remittances came duly to hand. My coadjutors and myself are more than repaid by the belief that we have the prayers of bro. Mc.

At this juncture I feel especially the need of prayer and believing in the power of prayer I now write to ask for your prayers and for bro. McN's.

I rejoice in the signs of an early peace. I hope and pray that it may not be delayed, but it finds us with a heavy stock of goods and contracts out for more to meet our anticipated and ordinary spring trade. Our orders came in as usual and as large up to the fall of Fort Fisher. Since then they have abruptly stopped.

I know not what is before us. Providence has in times past brought and he can again bring us thro. I hope He may if for our good. He knows best.

I have frankly stated the case and trust you will treat it confidentially. Multitudes around us are in the same state. Many of them perhaps rely on arm of flesh. I do not. In fact I have little to rely on owing to the impaired state of my health.

I have learned thro Bro. W. of the forwardness of your church and wish it a successful completion.

Yours sincerely,
Wm. R. Janeway.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Brother:

Your kind letters to our children in St. Peter's, --one through Mr. Raymond, Nov. 1st, the other through Mr. Sheppard, Jan. 3, -- & your later letter to St. Peter's & the Third churches, have all been received.

Inclosed please find a check for fifteen dollars (\$15.00) from the children's collections at St. Peter's-- which they have wishes should be sent to you. If you still need the map, use your pleasure about investing it in that; if you do not, use your pleasure in regard to it at any rate, for the benefit

of the children of your church or charge.

It would rejoice us at St. Peter's to do much more for your mission field; & we hope to be of more service when our diaconal system is developed. We have just about finished the payment of our own church debt, which, though small, has been an incubus; & through that & other means our congregation will soon develop some unity & strength of church character & efficiency, I hope, which it has not yet attained, without the loss of any advantages which its history thus far, though rather unfavorable to its independent spirit, has given it.

I have saved your two letters to the children, to read next Sunday at the quarterly catechization of the children in the church. The letter to the Congregation I shall read at an early opportunity, & pass to Dr. Hall. The Dr. is to be made happy next week by a gift of about \$1500 from his people, & a social gathering of present & former members of his church in celebration of the 25th anniversary of his ministry in the Third Church.

We had a very pleasant visit from your neighbor, brother Lyon, of Winona, Sunday before last. I myself & all the family, enjoyed his stay with us; & we want to help him too.

I shall soon see whether we cannot get together a package of books & papers for you.

Meantime hoping this will reach you safely, & wishing you & yours the blessing of the Lord, I remain,

Your brother in the Lord,

E. D. Yeomans.

Lime Springs,
Howard Co., Iowa.
Feb. 7th, 1865.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Thank you for your kind remembrance of me - and thanks too to Mrs. E. Merrill and our kind Heavenly Father who gives the disposition and the ability to obey that command, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ". This \$10. is very acceptable and encouraging indeed.

I have long thought of sending you some account of myself and work about which you kindly inquire. During the past year, I was called to the death-bed of my eldest son, Dr. A. G. Craig, of Colchester, Conn. When the call for my presence

first came, compliance seemed impossible. But his anxious wife had written that he was much disturbed in mind and urged that no other could counsel and console him as his father could. My daughters begged me to collect their school wages, they both taught school, and fly as fast as possible to his relief. I went, but when I reached him, his reason had fled and in a few days, he was so more among the living. He had been seriously ill for several months with spinal disease, but his wife had thought not best to alarm me, hoping from week to week that he would recover. It was a sad disappointment that I was unable to have the least rational conversation with him. Yet it was some satisfaction that his widow seemed to prize my presence above the presence & sympathies of all other friends. The journey proved more expensive than I had expected. But through the mercy of God, I have survived it, and had a safe return home. You have doubtless seen that the Foreston church has become Congregational. To this step or Somerset various circumstances led. It was feared that Mr. Jones (now their pastor) would not be received by the Dubuque Pby. on account of his deficient classical education-- and the prospect of more efficient aid in church erection, &c., by the Home Miss. Soc. had undoubtedly considerable weight. With the leading gentleman of the place, it would not matter what the denomination or creed of the church or minister, provided the secularities of the village can be made to flourish. I attended (uninvited, except as one of the public generally) the meeting of the council and was invited to sit as corresponding member. This gave me an opportunity of witnessing in part the examination of the candidate for ordination and of hearing a sermon in glorification of Congregationalism as the primitive & only scriptural form of government of the Christian Churches. I have no doubt that had Mr. Jones applied to any of our Presbyteries for either licensure or ordination, he would have been rejected as deficient both in theological and classical attainments. Yet he seems to be a good man, and I hope he may be useful. He is likely to succeed in keeping his position, so long as he follows the lead of his principal support.

But my sheet is nearly used up, and I have told you nothing of my work, I will just say in the space left that I hope to have Nellie at your school next autumn. Will you please send account of terms, expenses &c. All send love to you & Mrs. J.

A. Craig.

I hope for a better opportunity to give you some account

of my field & prospects. As to clothing we were assisted by a small box from a small church in Maryland. I write by this mail acknowledgment to Mrs. E. Merrill.

216 Madison Ave., N. Y.,
Feb. 7th, '65.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I was much gratified by the receipt of your letter, informing me of the favorable progress in the erection of your church edifice, and also of the spiritual growth of the Society. Your letter addressed to Friends in the Brick Church was read in last weeks prayer meeting, and was considered very interesting. To-morrow evening it will be read at Dr. Krebs prayer meeting. I have given notice that I will receive any contributions in your behalf, and thus far only twenty dollars have been sent in, which I enclose from Mr. Moses Allen. I have sent the letter to one or two friends who may do something. Your allusion to the bell, was rather illtimed and the remark was made that it would be better to get the money for the church first.

The ladies of the Brick Church, Dorcas Society, are expecting a letter from Mrs. Ainslie, acknowledging the receipt of the box sent by them to her. Church building in your section, I can easily imagine, to be up hill work, nevertheless, you must not be discouraged, but put your faith in God. I think you deserve great credit for your perseverance, in the midst of your many difficulties, and trust that the Lord will crown your enterprize with his blessing, pouring out His Holy Spirit upon the Church, bringing many sinners to Christ. I shall be glad to hear again from you and to know something of your village, as to population, denominations, churches, &c.

It will give me pleasure to assist some of your missionary brethren, with families, who may be in destitute circumstances, by sending them a little money, or a few books, to help them in their studies, or otherwise.

You have taken quite the start of Mr. Lyon of Winona, to whom I have first sent the amount of my subscription made in June last.

With much esteem,

I remain yours very truly,
H. H. Corning.

Craven.

Please send me the address of Mrs. Davidson again. I have lost the letter and address. There is no mention of address in the letter I received, and from your letter it was to be sent to Mrs. Davidson.

Hixton, Jackson Co. Wis.

Feb. 10, 1865.

Dear Bro. Jackson.

I have received by this week's mail- two letters from you, one dated Dec. 15th, & the other Jan. 23d. Mr. Wells had laid the first away & overlooked sending it,-- hence my delay in answering. Your letter enclosing draft had been received, & I wrote you accordingly & also to Rev. Dr. Gosman.

I am indeed very thankful for the additional gift of \$10.00, & will write the lady who sent it. I am sure we cannot but feel grateful for your great kindness in remembering us in this way. We hope you have not denied yourself in making this disposition of the funds. We know you are in a new field where your salary may be limited as well as mine & should be sorry if you overlooked your own wants in attending to the wants of others. As for the coat you speak of, I do not wish to trouble you, or to have you send it if there is any one else in need of it. I will not deny that I am greatly in need of some kind of wearing coat, as I think you would say if you only saw it. Mrs. H. has long since counted on it for a rag carpet.

As for the way of sending anything of that kind, you might please send by express to Sparta, Monroe Co., Wis., & then I will have some one there pay the charges on it, & forward it by the stage. You need not pay charges in advance. Since I last wrote you Mrs. H. has been quite sick, but is now better. It was dysentery. On my return from Winona she had a large washing, & after being over done & heated, sat down on a damp floor that had been mopped, & took cold which is a ready cause for that weakening disease. We could have wished very much for some good Eastern physicians to prescribe for us, but have reason to be very thankful to a Kind Providence that blessed the means employed so that she is now entirely recovered.

We had attendance from Dr. Johnston, Hixton, who was very kind & attentive, as were all the friends around. I enjoyed my visit to Winona very much & made the acquaintance of interesting friends there. On my way home, met Bro. Wells at Galesville, who brought me home on Tuesday. He had been there assisting Bro. P. at the dedication. We had a donation for the

benefit of Bro. Wells & myself a short time since. It was very largely attended. The amount raised was \$98.00 which is nearly double what was raised last year. I had my Melodean there & it seemed to be the great attraction of the occasion. It is to be hoped that this people will soon begin to realize the duty of supporting the gospel. But it must have its time. In all such matters we have to be cautious, & give no ground for offence. Mrs. H. desires to be remembered to yourself & Mrs. J. We could both wish you lived a little nearer. I think I will take her with me to Winona in Spring, when presbytery meets, & if spared will next Fall, we will hope to have an opportunity.

Met James F. at Galesville. Have not yet done much to our new church.

Brooklyn, Feb. 14, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I enclose you a check for \$17.00, part of our last collection for church extension -- as a contribution toward your new church.

I am very sorry that the amount is so small, but the fact is, there are so many claims upon us, it is impossible to meet them as liberally as we would like to. I hope however, that even this will not come amiss to you.

With sincere wishes for your prosperity.

Yours truly in Christ,
Henry J. van Dyke.

Albany, Feb. 14th, 1865.

Rev. Sir:

Your letter was received in due course, & was read by our new & young Pastor, Rev. Mr. James M. Ludlow at our Friday Evening Meetings, but no one of our people have responded. I was over in Connecticut, last week, and returned home last evening. I herewith send you our firm check for Thirty Dolls., ten of which please give the credit to my wifes father, Mr. E. H. Roberts, Middletown, Conn. the balance to myself. Trusting that God will enable you to complete the Church Edifice to his Glory, and with my most hearty prayers for your success,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,
Wm. Wendell.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

P. S. Please acknowledge to Mr. E. H. Roberts as well as to myself.

W. W.

Prescott, Wis., Feb. 25, 1865.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have just returned from my monthly trip to Farmington, &c. Had communion & recd. two interesting young ladies. One was baptized.

Found the "Box" at Empire & took it home. It opened well. All things safe. The articles are all substantial & of great value in our family, saving us large outlays & adding much to our comfort & convenience.

I will write acknowledgments to the kind friends you mentioned. Very many thanks also to you, for your kind agency in the matter. Our great benefit of such acts of communicating is the development of sympathy between giver & receiver & all parties concerned.

Best regards to Sister Jackson.

Yours in the gospel of Christ,
Charles Thayer.

New York, Feb. 26, 1865.

Rev. Mr. Jackson:

After sending Mr. Parrott a box of clothing last Fall the ladies decided to apply again to you, for some needy case although we had others on hand. I had a letter written to you to that effect but just then, we had an application from Mr. Lyon, for a box for a Mr. Jacob Kolb, Winona, Minn. It was supplied. Mrs. Walsh is busy working for you, she leaves the letter you sent, with a lady friend, and so, in passing from one to another it takes considerable of time. She expects to write you before long and hopes to get about \$200.

It seems truly astonishing how greatly you have struggled for a Church, God grant you may be permitted to labor there long and successfully.

Mrs. Turner united with the Church about the middle of last January, we have still to pray for her husband. Mrs. Walsh let me take your very interesting letter to a family belonging to our Church. I read it to them, they gave me a donation a few days after. A member of that same family, but who is not a professor called upon me and gave me a one hundred dollar bill to send to Rev. Mr. Ainslie for his own private use with strict injunctions not to reveal her name and not to have it alluded to as coming from any one in Dr. McElroy's Church. As I do not know Mr. Ainslie's address, I take this method of sending to him, so you will please send the enclosed note to him as soon as possible. My husband thought it not perfectly safe to send the money so he advises Mr. Ainslie to draw on him at sight.

The lady seems indifferent as to her own personal Salvation, but is always willing to give us money to aid in our Missionary work, yet always gives in this same peculiar manner, to me, not willing that any of her family shall know she has contributed. When Mr. Ainslie acknowledges the receipt of the money to me I think it would be well for him to address the lady as if she were a Christian and also, as if she might not be one, you of course will not tell him that she is not one until after he has written to me, then your prayers, his prayers and mine may, I trust, prevail with Him who is the hearer of prayer to lead her low and humbly to intercede for herself.

Please not forget that when you acknowledge the receipt of whatever sum Mrs. Walsh may send you there is to be no allusion to this donation to Mr. Ainslie.

Mr. Kerr and I were much disappointed last summer that you did not call on us again. Any time that you have any very urgent calls for aid in the way of clothing let us know and if it is in our power to supply we will do so. We expect soon to supply 3 families whom we supplied about 2 years since. I mention this thinking you might have been rather surprised that we had not offered to take some other family before.

Yours truly,

Anelia Kerr.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your letter was received some time since, & should have been answered ere this, had not my time been very much occupied.

I was very much interested in your account of the building of your church, & handed the letter to Mr. Lord, one of our elders. I have not seen him since, to know what he has done, but I very much fear without our dear Dr. Potts to plead your Cause, that we will not be able to do much for the church though Mr. Lord will probably write you himself. We have no Pastor as yet, nor have we any in view. It is hard to find the right man to take the place of our sainted dead. I am happy to be able to send you a photograph of Dr. Potts. I love to be associated in any way with one I loved so dearly, & who was every thing to me as a Pastor.

Mrs. Pott's son-in-law has been made Professor at Union College & in the spring she will go to Schenectady to live with her daughter.

Yours truly,
Lizzie Edgar.

N. York.

March 1st, 1865.

The picture of Dr. Potts he thought the best he had ever had taken.

Schenectady, March 4, 1865.

Dear Sir:

I have been interested in your letter, for which accept our thanks. I hope to present it to our people to-morrow, & to send it on Monday to Dr. Goodall. Please send me word how much you collected from our people, as it is our duty to keep account of all such matters, & report to Presbytery.

I hope your enterprise will be a great success, the Lord blessing you. Your work interests me much, both on your account, & its own.

Truly yours,
J. I. Backus.

Please reply as soon as you conveniently can in regard to the amount recd. from my people.

Phila., Mar. 5, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

I have delayed answering your favor of 17 Jan. hoping to find some opening for attention to your matter. But the truth is so numerous have been the necessary collections for one cause and another that our session could not see the way clear for another appeal to our people. Our own Church collections are now behind, but I will keep your case in view and hope you will be successful for you. Be assured dear Bro. it is not for want of sympathy for our church in the West that we do not always hasten to respond to their calls, but if you knew the number and nature of the applications of this sort you would better understand the matter.

Yours fraternally,
W. P. Breed.

New York, March 11th, 1865.

Rev. Mr. Jackson:
Dear Sir:

Rev. D. C. Lyon, of Minn., when here last Fall spoke of the Rev. Jacob Kolb of Winona, Minn., as needing a box of clothing. Our Ladies at once decided to send him a box. Mr. Kolb on acknowledging the same says,--"I have a neighbor who is a Ger. Reformed Minister, a good faithful man, yet appears to be accomplishing but very little merely because he cannot be supported on his field."

Will you sir, ascertain if the Minister here alluded to is all right and please to tell us if it is best to send him a box. We mostly send underclothes, yet if we know what outside garments are much needed we supply if we can. If you think it best to send please ascertain for us the ages of the different members of the family, height, size of neck, waist, length of arm, and length of inside as well as outside seam of pants. Also the size of feet, and hands for sometimes we have gloves and hose. Please mention if it will answer in this case to send part worn outside garments if needed. The sooner we can get the necessary information, the more we shall feel obliged to you.

Should this object not now be needed you may possibly know of some urgent case. If so please let us know immediately for whatsoever we do in this matter we wish to do quickly. The ladies many of them will soon be leaving for the country. If

Mr. Ainslie should be needing clothing for himself or family we would try to provide also for him if we could know very soon, but of course the most needy first.

Mrs. Walsh has now this day \$225. collected for your church, she expects to get more before she sends it to you, but she did not now tell me to say any thing about it. I wrote about 11 or 12 days since to you in reference to one hundred dollars which has been given me for Mr. Ainslie. I hope you have received it ere this. I am getting impatient for Mr. Ainslie to draw on my husband for the same, but Mr. Kerr says it is not time yet.

I do hope I shall be able to get an answer to this sooner.

Yours truly,

Amelia Kerr.

Please direct. Mrs. H. A. Kerr.
76 Ninth St.
New York City.

Newark, March 20, 1865.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I recd. your deeply interesting letter a few days since, and have been making some effort in the way of raising that hundred dollars, and I think I can assure you that I shall be successful. I enclose as an earnest of what I am doing \$50., half is my own subscription and the balance from three warm hearted brothers in Christ. A very liberal donation was sent me by a Methodist brother, that delighted me exceedingly, and I expect to receive a donation from a good Baptist brother. The beautiful hymn, "Blest be the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love," &c. I feel that I can sing just now, and sing it loud too. that beautiful hymn. Well now bro. Jackson, you go right on and build that little room, if you can get it done for \$100. I know that by God's blessing, I shall obtain it. There is of course great demands upon us to meet the various charitable objects as they come along, and bless the Lord for the delightful privilege, that we may be co-laborers in the vineyard of the Master. Now that is a delightful thought of yours in suggesting that the donors of this enterprize have their photographs hang around your little praying room. And as I expect to come out (the Lord willing) and make a tour of Minnesota, I trust that I will collect some, and bring with me.

I expect to leave here about the first of May, and will take it leisurely and stop on my way and visit friends in Chicago, Jacksonville, &c., so that I will probably reach Minnesota the later part of the month of May. I suppose the season will be pleasant then. Your friend and brother Clergyman, who took dinner with you at my house, the Rev. Mr. Speer, (I believe), I suppose he is well; he is located at Lake Pepin, if I mistake not. I should like very much to receive a letter from you as soon as you receive this, or soon after. You may calculate on a certainty for the remaining \$50, and more if possible, for since I commenced this letter, which was a few minutes since my brother Isaac has promised me \$20. on the other fifty, so "The Lord will provide" all those that trust him with all need-ed temporal mercies as well as spiritual. We are having very interesting Prayer Meetings which are held at my house on Saturday evenings. Last Saturday evening there were 27 young men present, and two young men who are out of Christ desired an interest in our prayers, there was a deep feeling among the brethren present.

I hope to be able in the course of two or three weeks to forward you the other fifty dollars.

I remain,

Your friend and brother in Christ,
Horace Alling.

Brooklyn, March 24, 1865.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I received your letter, and it gives me great pleasure to be able to comply with your request.

I am glad to hear that you have got your building enclosed, and are occupying part of it, & hope you will be enabled to complete it. Please find enclosed a certified check for \$100.

Desiring an interest in your prayers,

I remain, Yours truly,
John Millard.

Kingsboro, Fulton Co., N. Y.
Mar. 29, 1865.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst., came to hand after some delay, for the mails have been irregular this winter.

With a desire to aid you in your enterprise of erecting a Church edifice, I cannot at this time present the object to my people. Indeed such at this moment are our circumstances that I do not think it expedient to bring before them some of our regular objects of benevolence.

At the time you were East collecting the sums you mention for your church, Mr. Herron was in Kingsboro on a similar errand, spent a Sabbath here, and canvassed the congregations. This in itself would prevent our people for contributing so soon again to a similar object.

Tho' I cannot help you in the way you propose, I can congratulate you on having two good church members from Kingsboro, who are more valuable than many, & in whom I hope you will feel that this Church has for the present done her share towards your enterprise.

I will forward your letter to Mr. Wood.

Sincerely yours,
W. Vannard.

Newark, March 31, 1865.

Bro. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I sent you a check a few days since, a check of \$50. and will send you as much more in a few days. I write now to inform you, that I have rec'd. ten dollars, as a donation from the Infant Sabbath School connected with our church, which they wish to appropriate for the benefit of your sabbath school, and Mrs. S. F. Donance, the teacher, desires a letter from you, making it interesting as possible, to be read to the scholars; the money came direct from the children, and they of course are interested as to what becomes of it and the good it accomplishes. I thought it best to include it in the check that I intend sending for the balance of the hundred dollars. Please let me hear from you soon. Mrs. Alling sends her regards to you.

Yours truly,

Horace Alling.

New York, April 2d, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Bro.:

Your esteemed favor of the 3d ult. came duly to hand. Its words of cheer so freshed my soul and I feel that my poor aims and efforts are more than repaid by such prayers going up for me and mine.

I have a dear son, Col. Hugh H. J. of 1st N. Y. Cavalry now at the front. May I ask an interest in your prayers for him, especially that he receive the grace of a covenant keeping God, the God of his Fathers.

Last night at our W. C., your interesting letter to our church was read. It awakened much interest and was followed by fervent prayer for yourself and your church.

We propose another effort in your aid and tho' no offers have yet been made, I think I may venture to promise you \$150 in May next.

How does Bro. McNair get on, does he need more aid?

Yours truly,

Wm. R. Janeway.

Fort Wayne, April 3, 1865.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dr. Bro.:

Yours of the 24th ulto. came to hand last week, & I reply as soon as possible after having consulted members of my Session.

The brethren think it inexpedient to invite a visit from you this spring. We would be glad to aid you but we have a matter upon our hands just now, which you must acknowledge has the precedence.

Our city is growing fast, the increase being chiefly rail-road employees, who give us missionary work. One of our members has this winter given an eligible lot of ground -- the site for a new church & I expect to raise during this month the needful sum -- not less perhaps than \$2000, to put up a building that will serve for a Mission church. As this will all be done among ourselves it is as much as we ought to ask our people to do now.

I hope you will meet with success in your enterprize

though we cannot aid you now.

Yours in the Gospel,
Jno. M. Lowrie.

South Salem, Westchester Co., N. Y.,
April 4, 1855.

To the

Rev. S. Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have rec'd. your letter relating to your Church Building, & sent it to Rev. Mr. Goodhue, as you requested.

If I had rec'd it a few weeks sooner, I might have increased our annual collection to the Church Extension Fund. A good special case I have found serviceable in drawing out contributions.

Our collection amounted to \$22. You will receive it through the Ch. Extn. Committee. I shall write to Mr. Coe to appropriate that amount to your church. You are at liberty to apply it either to the building or the bell.

I hope your labors will be crowned with success. But permit me to caution you against excessive protracted exertions. You cannot do the work of two men for any length of time, without making serious inroads upon your constitutional vigor. Excitement may sustain you, but the result will be disastrous. I was ground thro' both Church & College mills at Waukesha, Wisconsin, for the space of two years, & have long given up the hope of being as sound in health as I was when I began. Bro. Goodhue is another example. It is probable that his active labors in the ministry are drawing to a close. Bro. Todd of Woodstock, Ill., is another case. He is no longer able to preach, & is struggling on against severe physical infirmities, teaching school. Spare yourself. It is enough for one man to do, to preach.

Fraternally yours,
A. L. Lindsley.

NEW YORK, APRIL 10, 1853.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir:

I fear you may have thought that your letter was sent in February last, but it was not, and it is now in my hands, and I have only a few minutes to write you a few lines, and send you some satisfactory proof of the same. I have not time to write you more than to say that I have received your letter, and I have only a few minutes to write you a few lines, and send you some satisfactory proof of the same. I have not time to write you more than to say that I have received your letter, and I have only a few minutes to write you a few lines, and send you some satisfactory proof of the same.

Your letter to the Board of Directors was received on the 10th of February last, and I have only a few minutes to write you a few lines, and send you some satisfactory proof of the same. I have not time to write you more than to say that I have received your letter, and I have only a few minutes to write you a few lines, and send you some satisfactory proof of the same. I have not time to write you more than to say that I have received your letter, and I have only a few minutes to write you a few lines, and send you some satisfactory proof of the same.

While you are in the city, I have only a few minutes to write you a few lines, and send you some satisfactory proof of the same. I have not time to write you more than to say that I have received your letter, and I have only a few minutes to write you a few lines, and send you some satisfactory proof of the same. I have not time to write you more than to say that I have received your letter, and I have only a few minutes to write you a few lines, and send you some satisfactory proof of the same.

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fore the friends here, who have aided us, any thing of interest regarding the temporal and spiritual prosperity of your church.

With sincere regard,

Your friend,
Emily M. Walsh.

Amsterdam, April 6. 1865.

My dear Brother:

I received your letter from Dr. Backus, & was much interested in your account of your efforts to build a church. The Lord has blessed you in your past efforts, & I trust will in the future.

I read his letter to my people, & took up a collection for Church Extension to appropriate it to aid you in finishing your Church. I wish you to acknowledge it through the Board.

I hope you will be able to finish your building this summer. If you can accomplish this object & be out of debt, you will be in a situation to do much good. The state of religion among us is encouraging in some respects. There has been a few conversions of late, & our prayer meetings have been more largely attended of late than usual. But we greatly need a general revival of religion, & hope that we may enjoy it before long.

Mrs. Sheldon's health is not good, & we fear it never will be again. She is subject to attacks nearly resembling fits, & they are very prostrating. Mary & Ellen Brown make their home with her.

There is more than usual religious interest in Albany, Gloversville, & Kingsboro. The Lord is remembering increasing portions of his Zion in Mercy. We hope to hear good things from your church & region.

Mary Brown has just told me that she had received a letter from her friends in New York telling of their efforts in your behalf. She copied your letter & sent it to them.

Enclosed you will find a draft of \$35.28.

With our kind regards to your wife & Mr. Ainslie,

Yours fraternally,
M. S. Goodale.

Write soon.

Newark, April 14, 1865.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find my check for sixty dollars, fifty dollars of which makes up the \$100, that you wrote for, and ten dollars, is a donation from our Infant Sabbath School, to the Sabbath School of your church, paid to me by the hands of Mrs. E. F. Donance, which I wish you to appropriate to the best interests of the School, either for a library or otherwise as you think best. Please write a letter direct to the children, something that will interest them, and I think you will hear from them again. I am in hopes to collect a little more than the hundred dollars. I have advanced some to make up the hundred, or in other words I have not as yet collected that amount, but expect I shall. Your first letter I have read to a number and all have been so deeply interested in its contents. Our calls for benevolence has been very urgent of late, for relief to soldiers families, Christian Sanitary Commission, and dozens of other equally as good objects that present themselves, and our duty is imperative in these calls in my opinion, to do what our hands find to do, and to give cheerfully willingly as the Lord has prospered.

I am obliged to you for making out the pleasant route of travel, which in your judgment would perhaps be the best. I think I shall adopt partly, the proposed route. I think that I shall start before the time so that I will probably miss you at Pittsburg. I would like to start by the 8th or 10th of May at the latest. I trust by the good providence of God however to meet you at Rochester. I would like to do some hunting when I arrive in Minnesota, would you advise to carry a gun in my trunk is I could find one to fit? I would rather not be bothered to take one with me, preferring to hire one when I get there. Are they to be had in that way? Please let me know. I have forgotten whether you stated or not that you had children. I send and also Mrs. Alling, our regards to you and yours. Please answer soon. My brother Isaac, who is in business with me sends \$20. of this money.

I remain your brother in Christ,
Horace Alling.

New York, April 22, 1865.

Rev. M. W. Jacobus, D. D.,

My dear Sir:

This will make you acquainted with a relative of mine, the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, of Rochester, Minn.

I am free to say that he has been doing a noble missionary work at the West and I commend him to the warmest place in your regard. It is perfectly safe to make him acquainted with the pockets of your rich men in Church or State.

Respectfully,
Henry Sheldon.

St. Louis, May 3rd, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Brother:

Your favor of the 21st of April was laid before the Board on Monday. While in accordance with our understanding at the time the additional \$500 was granted by the Board, the enclosed check would go towards making up that sum, the Board in view of the state of affairs you mention, and in sympathy with your own self denying labors directed me to return you the \$35.28 enclosed herewith as an additional special appropriation to Rochester Church.

Please return the receipt signed as requested. Hoping I may have the pleasure of seeing you at the Assembly, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

H. I. Coe.

Secy.

Lawrenceville, N. J.

May 4, 1865.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Our ladies are laying their plans for the coming summer. They have not yet selected any one for whom they will work, and would be glad to have any suggestion from you, as to any brothers family whom you know to be really needy, and to whom a box would be a real blessing.

An immediate answer would oblige, yours very truly,

A. Gosman.

New York, May 5th, 1865.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I forward you this day by the United Express Co. 1 small box containing 1 duster, 3 coats and 1 pair of pants. Also a parcel directed to Mr. Ainslie, which please forward to his wife as soon as you can.

One of the coats in the box has not been sponged, if the owner will wear it 2 or 3 days in the damp I am assured it will not spot with water afterwards.

The horrid assassination of the President has been one great cause this box was not sent sooner. After your beautiful letters to Mrs. Walsh and myself, I feel this is rather brief, but I trust you will excuse as I am leaving the City quite unexpectedly for a few days and have but little time to make arrangements for those I have at home.

Yours truly,

Amelia Kerr.

Chicago, May 10th, 1865.

Rev. N. C. Burt, D. D.,

My dear Bro.:

Permit me to introduce to your acquaintance, and warmly commend to your extra attention, the Rev. Mr. Jackson, one of our Ministers earnestly laboring in Minnesota. If you and your people, dear to me also, can aid him in the matter he will bring to your notice, you may be confident your aid will be worthily and well bestowed.

Very truly yours,

Willis Lord.

Dear Bro. Grundy:

You will need no fuller introduction to Mr. Jackson than this will give. I hope that you are materially improved.

Yours truly,

N. C. Burt.

Rochester, May 17, 1865.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Yours enclosing draft for \$504.80 came duly to hand. I have received the lead & in a day or two shall go on with the painting. Andrews is progressing slowly with the work on the tower. All matters are moving as usual here. Expect Mr. Hott to preach on Sunday. You speak about real estate security. I have no real estate worth security, & Mr. Cook will not feel willing to give his homestead. Your friend will have to be satisfied with a note the names of which will be a sufficient guarantee that it is safe. Wishing a pleasant & profitable trip, I am,

Yours truly,
F. W. Andrews.

New York, May 24, 1865.

Dear Bro.:

Your several letters have been rec'd. The last was especially grateful to our feelings.

Our sorrow is great but our consolations have abounded. The chief one however, seems so great that all the rest seemed dwarfed beside it.

It is our firm and well founded trust that our beloved son is now in heaven. Before his death, but not in anticipation of that event, for we were hopeful of his ultimate escape. Both my wife and myself were greatly stirred up in prayer that the work of grace which we hoped was begun in his heart might become more decided. Thro a very merciful Providence he spent some 40 days at home just 6 or 10 days before the fatal 5th of April. The remembrance of this and conversations we had with our dear one and he with us are now very precious to us. He has always been an object of prayer but ever since he joined the army in '61 he has been such especially so.

But I may not now enter on these details. He has left a brilliant reputation behind him as a brave and skillful soldier, and a character unsoiled by any act of meanness. His generosity and kindness were remarkable and all who knew him loved him. He possessed in an eminent degree the confidence and affection of the men of his Reg't. "His judgements are a great deal". I trust we can both say, "He doeth all things well". "He comforteth us."

Enclosed I am happy to have it in my power to send you J. & Co.'s check for two hundred dollars in aid of your church, the result of contributions by members of our church.

You will confer a favor by stating to me freely any case of hardship which from time to time you may hear of respecting your bro. missionaries in your state.

I have funds to distribute and one of my difficulties is to do it judiciously.

Yours truly,

Wm. R. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

P. S. On reading over the above I feel that I ought to state that our dear son joined the church when he was about 18 years of age. He stated to his wife casually in conversation when last at home that he believed that he was converted at that time. He was preserved during all his camp life from every form of open wickedness and during the last year of his life his comrades speak of a growing elevation and strictness of deportment which was manifest even to the rough natures by whom he was surrounded. His natural amiability of character was most remarkable. He was beloved by all and his wonderful adaptness to the military life was most remarkable in conjunction with so much gentleness of character.

His death was almost a translation. The fatal bullet entered his temple and his death was instantaneous just as he was calling on the men to rally round the standards. If he must die so young we could not have chosen the time, the place, or the manner better.

Brooklyn, June 5th, 1865.

Dear Brother:

Yours of April 13th was sent as you requested to Mr. Spelman, & you have probably learned the result. They held Sunday meetings on this & another object I presented, yours seems to have met with favor, the other laid on the table. I was amazed at your herculean labors last Fall. May the blessing be in proportion! I was much disappointed you had to use the S. School \$1.25 for the Brownsville Ch. but of course it was understood between you, my 75 was given expressly for Rochester

& not at all for B. I cannot imagine any reason which ought to have led to the appropriation elsewhere than the place specified.

I met Mrs. Sheldon last week, she told me you were attending the meeting of O. S. Assembly. Mr. West is there. Before leaving B. there were several meetings of Session of the 2d Ch. to talk with him as to what we could do in the declining state of the Ch. He told them at length (not withstanding he had given them to understand two years since that he would leave) he should stay. God had called him to the Ch. & when He provided him another place he should leave us. We are eight thousand dollars in debt for his salary, &c., & he tells them if they apply to Presbytery it will be two years before we get a decision. There are a few who like him. Mr. Abraham Baylis & Mr. Talbot will stick by the walls until they are sold to support Mr. W. I have left, could not hear a man preach I did not respect. The Trask's took their certificate last Fall, they hope to be in Monroe Place next Nov. but not in 2nd Ch. Miss Thayer continues to attend there. She does not view things just as I do. May we look to God alone. He doeth all things well. you must hold on to your S. School, there is nothing else left bright. My work is done there unless Mr. W. leaves, & there is not the slightest hope of that.

Your time is too much occupied for me to expect you to write me I know, especially as I cannot do any thing for you which would render writing a necessity on your part, still I should like to know how you are getting along very much, & perhaps if you write Mr. Spelman you would enclose a short note for me. O no, Mr. Spelman has gone to the country for the summer. Should I have any good news to impart, you will hear from me. Pray for us. Our beloved country is saved, & of course the Ch. is. Our fold may be again blessed, but, God may see fit to merge the remnant in other churches. His will be done.

With kindest regards for Mrs. J. & yourself, as ever
S. M. G. Merrill.

E. desires to be remembered.

Brocklyn, June 5th.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

A Mrs. Wyckoff, poor widow, much interested in Western missions gave me five dollars to do as I thought best with. I send it for your own use, & when you acknowledge the receipt of it, do tell me something of your own church, & others if there is any thing to report of God's stately steppings. We in B. are being richly blessed. May it ever be thus, you may see more & more of His glory, in the reviving of Christians, & the converting of sinners. As we are drawn nearer to God may it stimulate us to higher aspirations. With us great numbers of the youth are converted. Our religious papers bring us cheering accounts of revivals from almost all parts of our land. May you be enjoying what you have been laboring & longing for, a powerful revival of religion.

I shall soon, probably, go East but you will please direct to 101 Willow St., Mrs. Leclyard forwards my letters as I direct.

With love to Mrs. Jackson, & yourself, in haste,
S. M. G. Merrill.

Pittsburg, June 19, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you find a check on 10th National Bank, New York, for ninety-six dollars, which has been handed in to me by our good people. The following is the list.

Capt. Robt. Reer, \$5.00; Chas. Ewing, Esq., \$5.00; I. Painter, \$5.00; Mrs. Dr. Brooks, for Mrs. S. Jackson, \$5.00; Miss Jennie and Miss Emma Brooks, for the Bell, \$5.00; W. R. Murphy, & friends, \$19.00; Saml. Rea, \$10.00; Miss Ritchey, \$5.00; Miss Matilda Denny, \$5.00; F. G. Bailey, \$5.00; Mrs. S. Rinner, \$20.00; Miss Morris, \$1.00; Geo. Skinner, \$5.00; Mr. Aldree, \$1.00; \$96.00 in all. Please acknowledge receipt.

If any more is handed in I will forward to you. We will be glad to hear from you whether you got safely home, and from time to time how your good work progresses.

May the Lord crown & bless your labors with abundant success, for His glory.

Your sincere friend,

Wm. D. Mc Cord.

Much love from brothers family as well as from mine.

1865.

Cost of Presbyterian Parsonage.
Rochester, Minnesota.

June.	Pd. J. C. Cochran for plan.	\$10.00
	Digging Cellar.	21.00
	Laying up Cellar walls & Materials.	140.00
	Bricking up the walls.	84.75
	Brick.	42.00
July 1st.	Laird & Norton for Sash	25.00
" 26.	" " " "	11.00
	Planing Mill	8.95 -----
	Glass & Glazing	60.54
July 28.	Easton & Hodgins lumber	24.00
Aug. 1st.	Porter & Horton	528.61
Sept. 18.	" " " "	18.17 -----
	Nails	26.85
	Work	334.75
	Cistern	28.00
	Tinning	15.55
	Hardware, Trimmings for doors, &c.	22.40
	Paints	33.58
	Painting	28.00
	Plasterring.	244.20
		<u>1665.25</u>
	Recd. from Brooklyn	100.
	" " Newark	100.
		<u>200.00</u>
		1465.25
		87.75
		<u>1553.00</u>
	\$1665.25	
Andrus -----	87.75	
Brick & Stone	<u>58.00</u>	
	1811.00	
	<u>1350.</u>	
	461.00	

Jersey City, July 31, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Bro.:

Your favor of the 17th ult. came duly to hand. I should have replied to it long since but have deferred doing so on account of sickness. I have had a carbuncle which

thro confinement to the house as well as its exhausting nature has deranged my whole digestive & billious system heaving me a pray to deep depressions. I am now much better tho unfit for business.

Immediately on receipt of your letter your wishes as respects wall paper for your house which were sent you according to your directions. I trust they were duly received. The price is nix as I trust you will permit me to settle the bill with J. & Co.

I take great pleasure in responding to your wishes as respects the claims you hold vs. Mr. W. J. Parrott. Please therefore set to his account the enclosed check for \$50.

I hope by and by to send you sufficient to cover the balance. Please therefore send him a receipt in full.

Let me congratulate you on your recovery and assure you that you have my prayers for your continued usefulness.

Our business will not be profitable this year to any extent owing not only to decline in the price of goods but to loss from other causes.

Earnestly wishing for your complete success in your church enterprize and large spiritual additions,

Yours very truly,

Wm. R. Janeway.

New York, Aug. 22d, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minna.

Dear Bro.:

Yours of the 9th inst. came duly to hand.

It would afford me such pleasure to pay you a visit, but the prospect of my being able to do so with my present engagements is remote.

Agreeably to your request I enclose to you a photograph of Dr. Imbrie and also of myself. Mrs. J. has never sat and at present declines to do so. I also send you one of my noble son Hugh "gone before". Your own is now placed in our album with our thanks to its original for the same.

If I had one I would send you a likeness of one of our congregation, B. G. Clark. He is not a member but near we hope to the kingdom. He is the object special of some of our members. We look for his conversion. Your church is already indebted to him for several donations. \$50 of the last

\$200 was from him. He is a liberal and systematic genius. I have said enough to enlist for him your sympathy and your prayers. Let me congratulate you on your success.

Of course we are obliged to you for any trade you can influence for us but I am very sensitive in being mixed up in business matters with my gifts and religious profession. Many I fear make use of this to secure the favor of a portion of their customers, and sometimes bring reproach on the cause thereby. I go to the other extreme perhaps and try and keep both out of sight. At any rate please consider all my gifts as strictly confidential between ourselves only.

Enclosed please find our check for two hundred dollars to your order. This is not a gift but a loan to be returned when your people pay you for your advances on the manse. I send it now to ease you of your burdens somewhat.

Yours very truly,

Wm. P. Janeway.

Sept. 6, 1865.

A variety of causes have prevented my mailing this till to-day. I find that I have mislaid a few phot. of myself and therefore am unable to send one as above.

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Brother:

We have a lot of remnants of packages of Sunday School papers, mostly "Visitors", I think something like a thousand. Will they be of use to you? If so, tell us how to send them.

I wish heartily we could send some effective donation, besides such "cold pieces". But it seems impracticable now. I had hoped to do something for Brother Lyon, but am disappointed, in ways which I cannot explain in a letter.

Very truly yours,

E. D. Veoman.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 25, 1884.

Mr. Jackson:

Please excuse the liberty I take in addressing you. I have often thought of you and your privations when you visited us last spring and lately since the time of your last salary coming up rather low. I would like to know how you will accept of a free will contribution. May it afford you some little comfort and not be forgotten.

Praying that you may be preserved in health and vigor, and your labors may be blessed with the increase of souls, believe me I am your sincere friend,
Wm. M. [unclear]

St. Louis, Oct. 25, 1884.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

During the past winter we have been engaged in a course of Social History, and have been very much interested. There are many things in it which will be of great value to you of an ignorant people, as there is but little chance of action. The different kinds of political parties are mentioned by name of all sorts (Frank Bell and I must regret to say that the proceedings of the Board are not known to many of our letters).

If possible to you should be the subject of settling up a copy of the book to you. I am, please therefore answer at your earliest leisure what period of what year you best like. Also the name of the author of the book, Jackson.

Your letter will be left before the meeting and if you have any private remarks, put it on a slip of paper, please send particulars of the state of affairs in your section. If any other church or persons family are near you and you think it will interest the Christian mind. I send by mail to-day the proceeds of the Board.

Rev. Scott & Shapinsaw, care of Charles W. Jackson and prayers for your well being temporal & spiritual.

Accept the same from your friends.

Elizabeth F. Clark.

Huntington, Long Island, N. Y.,
Oct. 30, 1865.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

We wish to send a box to some missionary. Please write me at once the name of one in your bounds or state, whom you consider most needy. Tell us all about his family, no. of children, ages, size. About the size of himself & wife and if you know what is most required in clothing. I don't want them to know any thing about it until it comes. please tell me any thing interesting about him, his services, losses, privations, write very fully a letter that I can read to the ladies and excite their feeling. I am still on my back, am quite helpless, hardly hoping ever to be better, yet trying to trust.

I hope you succeeded well for your church. Did you go to New Brunswick? If so how much did you get there? Please write me immediately, with full particulars as we cannot begin until we know the size of the minister & family.

Praying God to bless you, I remain,

Adeline T. Davidson.

Please send also full directions how & where the box can be sent.

Ballston Center Parsonage.
Nov. 1, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Bro.:

Knowing as I have, from our earliest acquaintance, the catholic nature of your interest in the welfare of the Redeemers Kingdom, I am led to think a note of this nature will require no apology. You will respond, I am persuaded, cheerfully. I write on behalf of my church. It is one in which Christian benevolence has, if I am informed rightly, always been at a bad discount. For a period of now more than four years, it has been my endeavor to bring them up to something like the measure of obligation. But it has been like drawing teeth. We contribute regularly to the six great benevolent church agencies of our denomination; but in addition to this, and as a means of cultivating a disposition to do more and better for the Boards, I have more and more thought it advisable that a ladies benevolent sewing society be in-

augurated. The question arose in my mind what shall the object be & what will challenge their sympathy, or what distress or discomfort their largest effort to relieve? speaking about the matter one day to Bro. Crocker, he referred to the claims, in these times particularly, of our home missionaries, and their families in the far West, and handed me a letter from you setting forth some of their trials, and wants. The substance of that letter I laid before my people on a Sab. morning, and not I think without some good results. It is clear that our next collections for "Disabled Ministers Fund" and "Church Extension" were largely augmented in consequence. Besides this, a number of our ladies took to a livelier interest in the hardships of our frontier missionary, and determined to do something to alleviate them. But they require some specific case to sew for. I could wish therefore, that you would inform me of one; one that would be likely to call forth their substance as well as sympathy. Please give particulars, just as in your letter to Crocker, as thrilling as may be with strict truth. I am sure there are cases in which many a Home Missionary is, for more than one reason, literally sowing in tears.

In answer to the above you will be doing me a very, very great favor, and be furthering on the good cause at Ballston as well as Minnesota.

Yours in Christ,
Edward B. Allen.

Brooklyn, Nov. 3rd.

Dear brother Jackson:

Both of your favors were recd. I wanted to see the Trasks before replying to the first, the 2d came about the time of my having seen them. They left Morristown very late, & Mr. Mrs. Trask & Marie sailed on Saturday for Europe. We were very much pleased with the photograph of Ch. The cottage with bay window, is too cunning & pretty. You did not speak of church debt until your last. I was prepared to give "my Minnesota Missionary" (instead of the general society) \$25. Mrs. Trask sends you \$20 & Marie \$5., which I enclose in a check. Mr. Trask has also given you a good suit which will save your best. Did you ever get that coat I sent you in brother Rockwells box to Bro. Ainslie? Is there any box from

Brooklyn going to your place through which you could get the above named coat, pantaloons, & vest? Please say when you acknowledge the check. You speak of looking for a revival in your Ch. May God grant it you, in full measure, according to His great mercy in Christ Jesus, & for His sake alone. We are praying for a renewal (in far greater power) of the last winters work of grace. May the Lord hearken to a cry that shall go up from every part of our land for a baptism of the Holy Ghost. "Lord revive us; Lord revive us; all our help must come from thee."

I will send you a "Link" that you may mark the progress of our mission since the first numbers of the publication. God is doing great things through this humble instrumentality. The women of India are fast learning they have souls to save & the Baboos too feel the need of their rising to their true position.

"The babies are well". What of the 2d version? Tell me.

The Traks's all with Eliza desire love to Mr. & Mrs. J. as does yours truly in the gospel,

S. M. G. Merrill.

Now for my address. It is in a new block, not numbered.
Mrs. Eli. Merrill.

Care Mrs. Brown.

Clermont Avenue, between Fulton & Green.
Brooklyn, N. York.

Eliza would like to know something of the box sent from 2d Ch. in which she took so much interest. She would like also to know what lady had her good warm sack coat.

216 Madison Ave.,
Nov. 18, 1863.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Since you left here, I have read again your interesting letters of 23d Feby. & 13th Mch., and had the valuable information contained in them, been retained in my poor memory, I should not have troubled you to answer so many questions, relating to your church, and general operations, when

you called.

I trust that your enterprize, and the labors of yourself & Mr. Ainslie will be accomplished by the Divine blessing. I intended to hand you a trifle for your Sabbath School, but please take from the enclosed check, what you will need for the maps, &c., and appropriate the remainder for your private use, as the sickness of Mrs. J. & yourself, & traveling expenses, will doubtless have absorbed more or less of your income. I hope this will find you safely and at home, and both yourself & Mrs. Jackson in improved health.

Sincerely & truly yours,
H. K. Corning.

Brooklyn, Dec. 3rd, 1855.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of Nov. 7th was duly received. your sickness grieves me, though it does not seem possible that any one could have made such super-human efforts without breaking down, still I had not looked for it. I have delayed writing you not knowing where to direct. Will decide to direct to Galesburgh & trust it may follow you if you have left. The great progress in your field of labor astonishes me, & had it not have been at the expense of your health, would have delighted me much more, had you got into the parsonage? & did you leave your family there when you went to Illinois? When you can write without injuring yourself please say how it will be with you pecuniarily this winter. I have with holden my mite from the "Domestic Mission" collection to give to you, feeling that your field is my Home Mission ground. I miss the co-operating with you very much, but trust that God is raising up more efficient helpers than we of the 2d Church were. Mr. Spelman has concluded to continue in the School, & I hope will continue interested in your work. A friend of mine offered to send the Independent to any Clergyman I would name, & I thought you would for a while like to see it, & read Bachus sermons. I never liked the paper & should you regret losing the Observer I will read it & send to you. Miss Thorston who sends the Independent is a lovely Christian woman doing much good. She is a member of Dr. Storrs church in this city. She need not know if the I. does not satisfy you. What of your School in Rochester?

If you are able to write me, please give some little

idea of Mr. Stevens position & please do not allude to the step mother. Dr. B. has a second wife & though she is good & lovely, she might be sensitive on the subject. It is so hard to get up after breaking down as you have. I shall feel anxious to hear from you. Perhaps Mrs. Jackson will write me as you ought to be spared all unnecessary effort I know. The Trasks are again settled in Monroe Place, attend Dr. Fels, R. D. Church, leaving the 2d is a great grief to Mr. T. particularly, but such is life. I am enjoying Dr. Buddingtons preaching (he is wide awake & longing for a revival) & love to be in a working church, though not doing as I could in the old one. Still I hope to do what I can for Christ while in the flesh. He will accept even my small services. After a pleasant Sabbath I am weary, & will close with love to Mrs. Jackson & yourself, hoping soon to hear from one of you.

Yours in gospel bonds,
S. M. G. Merrill.

The Trasks, & Eliza send love. Mrs. Dr. Enos has another boy.

216 Madison Ave., N. Y.
Dec. 22nd, 1865.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
My dear Sir:

I received your favor of the 1st inst. and take note of your self denial in appropriating for the Church, the remittance I made you for your own use. You are of course the best judge, but I feel that you could not well afford to do so, and I therefore enclose you another check, which please divide equally between yourself, and your associate, Mr. Ainslie, for I feel persuaded that at least to him, it will be acceptable. I have sent a copy of the Observer to each of you, which I hope is duly received. I trust that you are both much encouraged in your work, and remain,

Yours very truly,
H. K. Corning.
E.B.C.

One year after the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester, Minnesota & the Rev. Sheldon Jackson for value received, we John R. Cook, Frederick W. Andrews, Robert McBride, Carlos W. Baldwin, Joseph S. Allen & John Gillespie, all of the city of Rochester for themselves, & their successors in office do promise to pay to the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, his heirs & assigns the sum of thirteen hundred & fifty dollars without interest until maturity, after which 12 per cent per annum (\$1350.00)

John R. Cook. F. W. Andrews.

C. W. Baldwin. R. McBride. J. S. Allen.

Rochester, Oct. 20th, 1865.

Rev. Stamp.

John Gillespie.

Lot & 1/2 & 3. Block 17.

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 Jan'y. 1st, 1866.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

A Happy New Year to you, and your little church. It gives me great pleasure to write that a few of your friends in N. York have united in sending you a communion service, which I hope will be suitable to your wants, and acceptable to your people.

We have heard with much interest of the completion of your church building, & trust you may long be privileged to labor in it, & that you may be prospered in both temporal and spiritual things, and that your church may prove a great blessing in the community where it is established. We shall think of you, as you gather next Sabbath, and dedicate it to the Lord's service, and as you for the first time keep your solemn feast, and though we may none of us be permitted to meet with you around our Lord's table upon earth, may we all, through the riches of Divine Grace, all meet around our Redeemers throne in heaven, and together praise Him in the upper Sanctuary.

May I ask an interest in the prayers of your church for us, and our children, that God would bestow upon us spiritual gifts, and graciously bring all our children, in the morning of life to the foot of the Cross, that their whole lives on earth and in Heaven, may be spent in His Service.

Enclosed I send the shipping receipt of the box, directed to your care, and hope soon to hear of its safe arrival.

Perhaps Mrs. Jackson will be more interested than yourself, in the directions which have been given to me for taking care of the service sent. We are told it should be kept closely wrapped up, from the air. If it becomes at all tarnished, it does not need to be rubbed with powder of any kind but washed with warm water and toilet soap, and rubbed dry with chamois (shammy) leather. This will keep it bright.

We were sorry to hear of the death of our mutual friend Mrs. Sheldon, of Amsterdam. They had great comfort in her last days, tho her sudden departure was a great affliction to her sisters.

With kind remembrance to Mrs. Jackson, I am,
Truly your friend,
Emily M. Walsh.

Brooklyn, Jan. 4th, 1866.

Your last, dear Brother Jackson, was duly received, but too late for Mr. Steven's box. They are sending the goods to a Missionary for distribution as I did to you. He may have received help from some other source, as he did not know of your application.

I can hardly realize that you have been so near us, when we supposed you were too sick for such a jaunt, & Mrs. Jackson down too, & with bilious fever. Do write me particularly how she is now. You can probably do more by writing, than by coming East, as regards money, that is, saving traveling expenses, which is not a small item, & writing to those whom you mean to apply to. There is no one I can ask to aid you. Mr. Terry said to a friend that it was not in his power to give now. He has gone too far in that way heretofore, & was embarrassed. You forget that you gave what I intended for your Rochester Ch. to the school you left, & now I shall send you fifty dollars for your own personal expenses, & not for furnace, or parsonage, that must come from other sources, as it is not in my power to go beyond the \$50. I have withheld from other causes, to give this to you. It is little to be sure, but you know our multiplied calls, & the poor with us need vastly more than formerly. Of course you have laid your plans, trusting Him who never fails us in our time of need, & all will be right.

When you acknowledge the receipt of check please say if you know of an opportunity of sending you by private convey-

ance a pair of winter pantaloons from Mrs. Trask. Spencer ordered an elegant pair costing nineteen dollars, wore them once, & spilled something on them which stained. He took them to a dyer who assured them they would not shrink in dyeing, but they did & will be a fit for you, we think.

I have been for a long time troubled with a cold which added to has shut me up, my Dr. in attendance fearing inflammation of the lungs. We have had warm but unhealthy weather, to-day there is a great change still we know nothing here of such cold as you have in Minn. I trust all our Minn. missionaries have boxes of clothing. You have been instrumental formerly in supplying many, but with your multiplied duties could not have done so this Fall. How is Bro. Lyon getting along? & Bro. Ainslie also? Speak of them when you write. The Trasks are well, & busy as ever. I delivered your message & they return love. I am cut off by my sickness from precious meetings at Dr. Raddingtons Ch. Next Sabbath is communion there. The prayer meetings are solemn, a revival spirit manifest in the S. School also. Quite a number were seeking salvation. God has shut me out from participating in what I have longed to see. They are a working Ch. & He is blessing them.

May your charge receive the Spirit in full measure. This is the end desired, building up Christ's Ch.

Eliza unites in love to Mrs. J. & soli. Speak of Baby.
In Christian bonds,

S. M. G. Merrill.

112 Broadway, New York,
Jany. 6, 1856.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your letter to our S. School came so opportunely. We spent our last Sabbath in the old year, reading reports from our Missionary in Wis., talking about our dear Bro. Lewis's losses, 2 children, 1 a daughter of 2 summers & his first born, a son of 13. Then your letter, & Dr. Imbric saying Amen to & yours. You need no one to say it for you, as we all know you.

Have ordered 50 copies Am. Messengers sent to you. If you need more advise, the seed is good, results we shall know when we reach home. Please send me word what the postage amounts to. I wish to do it all clean. It's the Master's funds. I am only His steward. He would not like business

done in a poor, slip shod way.

Go on, labor on, your reward will meet you. Can I do anything for you? Would you like the S. S. Times for a year, for your family? Its so good every one ought to have it.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Yours &c.,

J. S. Howell.

Address:

P. O. Box 135 .

Jersey City, N. J.

412 Broadway, New York,
Jan. 23, 1866.

Dear Jackson:

Yours 15th I received on my way to business this A. M. Have ordered 50 copies, Child's Papers, to be sent monthly to your address. Very glad I can be of service. Its such a delightful little sheet I don't wonder your S. School prize it. Enclosed find my \$5. Photograph to pay postage, &c. I loan money for the good it does. I had 1 dozen pictures. Lewis would have one, & it was so life like, they soon passed from me. Have none on hand. Lewis was sent for by his Miss'y. Society, 14th St. Church, & is here. We hope to have him with us next Sabbath. 11:30 A. M. Lewis just called. I read him last part of your letter. He was overjoyed. I can't say more to-day, only pray for me. I should think our rich poor men would make the true investment & give to His dear disciples, receiving their answers to prayers, would do them a heap of good. Suppose you & I request our Synods to send such a request to all concerned.

Go on, your reward is sure.

Yours &c.,

J. S. Howell.

J. City. Box 135.

Had no clean bill, & send ck.

New York, Jan. 24, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minna.

Dear Bro:

Your esteemed favor of the 15th inst. is just at hand. Enclosed please find check for the amount you ask, i. e. fifty dollars. Let me congratulate you on your success by God's blessing on your labors in your church.

One of the marvels of the present day is how our missionaries in your vicinity manage to live on the pittance they receive. what is \$150. towards a main support. May God bless the daughter.

Yours truly,
Wm. R. Janeway.

1737 Filbert St. Phila.
Feb. 1, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Bro.:

Your favor of the 26th ult. came to hand last evening. I read it with deep sympathy for Bro. Mercer, and if I can use it to advantage on his behalf shall not fail to do so. When I laid his case before our ladies (after your visit) they promptly made up a box for him worth \$150, which however did not get shipped until New Year's week. I wrote him on the 8th Jan. advising him of its being on the way and inclosing \$5.00 to pay charges if any. As your letter came on in five days, I am surprised that he has not received both my letter and his box. I trust his faith in God and in his brethren will not fail, and that he will not be discouraged in the way and the work of the Lord.

Fraternally yours &c.,
J. Edwards.

H. K. Corning, Esq.,

Dear Friend:

I will hand you \$20.00 for the Building, not for

a Fall.

Sincerely yours,
M. Allen.

1st Feby.

For Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

215 Madison Ave.,
Feby. 9, 1868.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

I received your favor of 30th ult., and have reflected upon the new enterprise you propose. If it can be established upon a proper basis, I should concur in your judgment that it will become a useful institution, and with that conviction, I enclose my check, on Union Bank to your order for one hundred dollars.

Altho it is not very convenient at present, and your letter has so much in it that is personal to myself, I do not like to show it to any one else with the view of soliciting aid. I did however send it to Messrs. Carter & Bros., but they said they had lately made you a small remittance.

I am thankful to learn of the religious interest in your Church and Seminary and hope that it may go on and increase. The Pres. Churches have been holding (in this City) daily Union Prayer Meetings for the past two weeks in which an earnest spirit seemed to prevail.

You are quite in advance of Mr. Lyon in your Church as I believe he is here again seeking funds to enable him to finish up. I hope you will have no difficulty in securing the remaining \$50., which I would add myself, but for numerous claims, most of which I cannot refuse.

I remain with esteem,

Yours sincerely,

H. K. Corning.

E.B.C.

I hear that Mr. Ainslie thinks of returning to the Choctaws in which case for your sake and the Gospels, I hope he will have a worthy successor.

412 Broadway, New York,
Feby. 12, 1866.

Dear Jackson:

Jany. 23d I sent you funds to pay postage &c., was it received? I only want advice so as to duplicate if not to hand. Lewis & self had a good day in my town yesterday, New Brunswick, the 51st Anniversary of our 1st Presby. S. S. House crowded, at the close a young man stepped up to Lewis, said he was just from Rochester, & had worked in one of your schools. I think he resides in Central N. Y. Your name was held in delightful remembrance. Lewis does love to speak of your labors. Go on.

Yours ever,
J. S. Howell.
Box 1274.

Newark, N. J.,
Feb. 13, 1866.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your very interesting letter that you sent me some two weeks since, I have been going to answer ever since I received it from you, but I have been unusually engaged both day and evening. We have felt the necessity of having a lot of new books for our Library, and I have been over to select them in N. York as many as 6 times and then preparing them for the Catalogue &c.

My object in writing to you just at this moment is to inform you that I have made the most of your stirring appeal and have read it to friends of Christ and also Dr. Craven has read it to the session of our church and a collection was taken up last Sabbath, and I am most happy to inform you that a very liberal collection and donations were made, so that I will be able in two or three days from now I think to send you for a continuation of
our prayers in our meeting was presented. We rejoice with you dear brother that God is blessing you with a revival of his grace. May it be continued until all the churches and all the people in Rochester be blessed with an unction from one on high. I am happy also to inform you that God is visit-
ing us also with showers of divine mercy, more especially among our Methodist and Baptist brethren, but there are unmistakable signs of the Spirits influence among the Pres-

byterian brethren, so that the Pastor's of the various churches deemed it expedient to establish a daily morning prayer meeting in the lecture room of the first Presbyterian Church on this week commencing on Monday morning, there were probably not less than 200 present both mornings thus far, to God be all the Praise.

I will write again in a few days as soon as my brother Treasurer of the session gets the amount together and I will then send his check.

Yours truly,
Horace Alling.

Preston, Feb 14, 1866

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have not heard from you since Synod. How is your health, & how are you getting on? We got into our house early in the winter & although it is small, & unfinished, we are very comfortable & very thankful.

The N. S. have been making great efforts to establish themselves here. They preach twice & hold long S. S., but it would not surprise me if their movement would fall to pieces ere long. No lot has been bought & nothing yet done to build a house although they are now agitating the subject. I have for some time felt that there was an opening here for a select school. There is none nearer than Chatfield, & but a poor one there. Not a female seminary such as yours, but a grammar school for boys & girls would be my idea. I wish some plan would be hit upon by which we could have such a one. We could then make our tenure on Preston sure under God & also which I am very anxious about, have a place where some of my Scotch children can get more education which they ought to have.

Renting a house would be almost an impossibility, nor have Christian people here any means to use in that or any other way. Could we not get Bro. Speer to do something for us? I am preaching every Sabbath to the Scotch where my relations are very pleasant. They made us a donation recently, the 2d one within a year.

Dr. McCauley got a man to write me & I answered but my letter never reached him. Do write me & tell me your experience & give me advice.

My family are all well.

Most truly & fraternally,
A. S. Kemper.

Albany, Feby. 14, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Dec. 1, 1865, addressed to my Sabbath School was duly received. It was read in the School and at our Monthly Concert in January, and was listened to with great interest. We were all thankful to hear that you were well again, and we were also gratified to learn that you had been so prospered in the great undertaking of providing a suitable place of worship for the people to whom you minister, and you have our prayers that your labors among them may be abundantly blessed.

At our teachers meeting it was resolved that we take up a collection in our S. School for the aid of your school, & I herewith hand you a draft to your order for Twenty-five dollars, the proceeds of that collection, to be applied to any purpose for which your S. School may need it, leaving that entirely to you to determine. I shall be pleased to hear from you as often as you can spare time to write, and your letters I shall read at our Monthly Concert, adding much to their interest. In all your selfdenying labors in the Cause of the Master in that new & rapidly growing region we shall ever take a lively interest, and may the Lord encourage your heart by having many through your instrumentality brought to a knowledge of the Truth.

Very truly, your friend & brother,
James H. Pratt.

Drawer 160, Albany.
Supt. of 1st Pres. Ch. Sab. School.

New York, Feb. 19, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rev. & Dear Sir:

I hope you will do me the favor to accept from a daughter of your friend, the Rev. W. W. Phillips, the en-

closed sum of fifty dollars.

I am, yours sincerely,
Anna F. Jaffray.

147 Second Avenue.

Lansingburgh, February 21, 1866.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

My daughter who is interested in your work as a missionary, sent me five dollars to send to you, to use as you thought best for yourself or for others. We would be glad to hear from you. We hope you are successful in the great work you have undertaken. We often speak of you, and feel thankful that we were permitted to make your acquaintance. We would be glad to assist you in your work. Is your family with you? Are you comfortable in your home.

We remember the missionary often suffers great privations. Are you at present in that condition? I hope not while so many are able to support you and others. Willie will add a few lines to this. As soon as we hear from you we will send the money to you.

Respectfully your friend,
M. B. Fry.

Mr. Jackson:

As we have not heard from you for some time, I thought I would like to hear how you are getting along, and where you are, whether you are at the same place or not. I have had some papers ready to send to you for some time but freight on goods is so high that we have not sent them.

We have been having meetings in church every evening in the week, ever since the week of prayer, and I am enjoying them very much. I do willingly ask you to pray for me that I persevere in the good work.

But I must close now with much love, your friend,
Willis B. Fry.

Newark, Feb. 23, 1856.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in stating that your letter was read to our Congregation by Dr. Craven, our pastor, and was responded to in the sum of one hundred and seventy-five (\$175.00) dollars for to pay for your furnace, and one of our Elders Mr. J. D. Vermilyea feeling an interest in your case has kindly handed to me fifty (\$50.) dollars with the understanding that it is to be used expressly for your own comfort and of your family and for no other purpose whatever. A few ladies of the sewing society through my wife also send you twelve (\$12.) as a trifling present to Mrs. Jackson, for her own use, so you will understand that \$187.00 is to be applied in payment for furnace, and the balance for yourself and family. Enclosed you will find a check for two hundred and thirty-seven (\$237.) dollars, made payable in New York City in current funds. Please upon the receipt of this let me hear from you. And now my dear brother we wish you all God Speed in your good work, and labors of love.

I remain yours truly in Christian fellowship,

Isaac A. Alling.

of 3rd Church Session.

Newark, N. J.

N. B. Please direct to me thus:

Isaac A. Alling.

No. 25 Walnut Street,

Newark,

N. J.

Princeton, Feb. 23, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find twenty-five dollars, which the S. S. of the 1st Church of Princeton send you for the school which you hope to establish.

It has been customary in the school to take up a monthly collection for home missionary purposes. When the time came for appropriating it, your name was mentioned. I called to consult Dr. Macdonald on the subject, & he had only that

morning received a letter from you expressing your desire for money.

The coincidence was startling, & seemed Providential. It is with great pleasure that we send this small sum, with the hope that you will find it of use in meeting your necessity.

Dr. Macdonald wishes me to say that the demands are so great upon him for money that he fears he will be able to do nothing now. But he will write you on the subject.

I shall hope to hear from you on the receipt of this.

Most sincerely yours,

Jas. A. Johnson.

Superintendent.

Brooklyn, Feb. 27th, 1866.

Rev. Mr. Jackson:

My very dear friend, after so long a silence on my part, I again wish to open the pleasant correspondence with you; in your last you asked me to obtain a copy of Dr. West's Thanksgiving Sermon; it has been impossible. I have tried my very best, and did try at the time you asked me, but could not since that time. I have had two attacks of sickness, of long continuance, but now feel pretty well. Our Church, my dear Mr. J. is still very small, our dear Pastor, I can assure you dear to all of our family, is still with us. I only wish the Church would grow, but I am sorry to have to say it does not, still I think if the people would only look to God, instead of to man for assistance, I think we then should have no fault to find; we have, I know, a prayerful, humble, sincere child of God, in our precious Pastor, and if we only could have an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, all would be well, oh dear friend, how much, oh. how much we need it. What more the people wish in a Pastor, than they have, is simply a visitor, we can not find a perfect man, & I think we look for perfection; oh, if we only looked at ourselves, and saw our own faults. The Sewing Society" is again at work in our church, & we purpose to make you up a box; if there is anything you are particularly desirous of obtaining & it is in my power to do, I shall be most happy to try and get it for you. Mrs. Merrill has, as you are doubtless aware, withdrawn from our church, the ladies including myself, still wish to keep "Our Western Missionary"

& they say have been waiting for me to head them. I shall I fear be a poor Directress, but I shall endeavor to give satisfaction, & first to waken them up a little. I beg of you to write a "Missionary Letter", that I can read aloud in our meetings, if you can. I shall wait impatiently for an answer. How is Mrs. Jackson & dear little Daisie". Many thanks for your likeness. I think it is very good. Our Superintendent writes you this week, but you know he has nothing to do with us, that we should very much like to have your letters to read in our Sewing Circle, as I fear dear friend, that the prediction in the New Testament, has come in regard to us- "Some are weak and sickly among you, & some sleep" Oh, that we would waken out of the fearful sleep of indifference & sloth; and fault-finding; this is the reason I beg of you a letter to read aloud; perhaps it would interest some, and I think would many.

My dear Husband joins me in sending our best wishes to you and your family; and if you again visit Brooklyn, we should be happy to see you & have you stay with us. How is Mr. Frothingham & family? I shall wait impatiently for my "Missionary Letter", as I wish the Ladies to become acquainted with you.

I remain sincerely your friend,
Annie L. Cruikshank.

Lansingburgh, March 12th, 1867.

Mr. Jackson:

Dear Sir.

Your letter was received in due time, we were glad to hear from you. We had not heard that you had completed your Church. We do rejoice, with you in your prosperity, in the Church, in the Sabbath School. We shall hope to hear from you, also from your family, are they with you? Are you comfortably cared for. I do feel to sympathize with those who are laboring to promote truth, and suffer many privations. May the presence of God ever be with you - His blessing attend all you do for the advancement of His Kingdom. I would gladly add my mite, and did hope we could.

Enclosed you find the Five Dollars. I do wish it was more.

Respectfully,

M. Fry.

Willie was much pleased with his letter, thanks you for it,

also for the little inclosure. When convenient would like to know you rec'd the money.

New York, March 13th, 1866.

My dear young friend:

I have been intending to write to you ever since my dear Husband left me, but have been ill, and am still very, very nervous. I cannot even now enter into detail, and it wants but a few days of a year since he was taken. I believe you loved him, and knowing the interest he took in you, I cannot help feeling the same. When he received your letter he wept and said, I must read this to my people, and I don't know how I shall do it, he was not tried, as I think he did not preach more than once after that. The special reason for my writing now is to tell you that I wish to send you a book containing the addresses that were delivered at the funeral. There is a likeness of him in it, which I do not think good, the most people do, the eyes are not his. I will send a card at the same time which I consider much better. I also wish to send a small box of Sunday School books for your children, perhaps you can put me in the way of sending them. I will wait till I hear from you. Do you think you will be on this Spring, we go out of town in the Summer, but if I am in town when you come, I shall always expect you to stay with us. I have just heard that there is quite a revival in Princeton, and there seems to be quite an awakening here. I suppose you have heard there is a Pastor settled here, Dr. Paxton. My hand is so unsteady I really fear you cannot read this. I have not the pleasure of knowing your wife, but remember me affectionately to her; when you have leisure, I should like to hear from you, if there are any babies, and how many? I feel very sad this month, every day has its history for me, but if I knew my own heart I would not bring him who is gone back again, to suffer, when I am certain he is so happy, and can suffer no more; but I must say Good bye. I shall wait to hear from you.

Yours affectionately,

Frances S. Phillips.

Brooklyn, March 21/66.

Dear Brother: Yours of Feb. 2d. came duly. I was delighted with your Convention & its results, as far as you wrote, & hope there is more to report especially of your own flock. Are you too much hurried to write Mrs. Wyckoff some thing more than

you have me? She is deeply interested. Her address is Mrs. Wyckoff, 971 Fulton Ave., Brooklyn, N. York.

Mrs. H. A. Viele, Care Closson & Hayes, 48 Broad St., N. York, would be pleased to hear from you. She is young in the Ch. & a young widow. I do wish she might become interested in Western Missions.

The Thurstons were astonished to learn that you did not get the Independent, they had sent it regularly, are about to discontinue taking it, will have the N. Y. Observer instead. Wish me to ask if you would like them to send it to you. If you have one sent you, would it not be well to give the name of one who would like it? I believe Mrs. Wyckoff was not in receipt of her Intelligencer as soon as she expected. Presume it reaches you now. I beg of you not to call the Church Union as you did in your last, The Union Churchman. I send you two more numbers, do take time to read it. You say it was very readable. I did not send it for that but to show the progress toward the Union of Christians of every name, vitalism being denounced &c. I ought to have written before but forming a Woman's Temperance Association has used all my time & strength this winter. I hope to hear from you through Mrs. Wyckoff. Want to know if the whooping cough is bad. Love to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in gospel bonds,
S. M. G. M.

Please to write particularly of your health. I hope you are resting, which you most sorely need.

Miss Thayer & Mrs. Enos love.

Kittanning, April 18, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.:

I write to make some inquiries of you. We have to-day organized a "Ladies Missionary Society" in my church. What can we do for you? Now I will tell you plainly what I want.

We wish to fill up some boxes & send to our Missionaries but are at a loss as to what to put in them. The suggestions in the reports of the Board are so general. Now will you give us particulars? We have a society ready to work; tell

us what to do.

Do you want any books? If so, what kind? Can we do any thing for Sabbath School children, in clothes, papers, or books? Do you know any other Missionaries who would allow us to assist them? If so, will you give us their names? And also write to them to write to us.

Will you write a letter to our Society through me. It will encourage them. The seed that you raised up here during last "General Assembly" is now beginning to bear fruit. Will you send us any news that may be profitable to the Society.

Write me a description of your own family. Now you know what I want. We are organized into a Society, "Ladies", for the special purpose of aiding our domestic missionaries. Will you tell us what we can do? Please answer immediately.

Your bro. in Christ,
J. D. Ewing.

New York, April 9, 1866.

My dear friend:

I write at this time to let you know that I have sent the books. The new ones I am sure are good. I cannot answer for the others, as I was not well enough to select them. Of course you write us your own judgment in regard to them. My son had them sent. I have not seen him since to know if he could pay at this end of the route, if not, will you be so kind as to let me know what it is. The papers bring us very bad news this morning, they tell of the arrival of a steamer at Halifax with Cholera on board. They had 11 hundred passengers on board. 30 had died and 60 were down with it. We are almost certain to have it here, and I do not know what to do about it, here again how I miss my dear husband's guidance, but I must look to a higher to direct me. If I go out of town, I must leave my sons behind me, which I am not willing to do and then I think I would rather remain where we could have our own Dr. I am very sorry to have missed seeing a lady who was staying at Mr. Lowrie's, just across our street. It seems she lives near you, and has often heard you speak of my husband. I should have been so glad to have heard all about you, and how you come on. Remember me kindly to your wife, and kiss your dear little girl for me.

When you have leisure I shall be glad to hear from you.

Yours very sincerely,
F. S. Phillips.

Address:

Mrs. William W. Phillips.
40 West 12th Street.

Brocklyn, May 2, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Friend:

The "Box" for Mr. Ainslie has started on its way, & I wrote to Mrs. Ainslie & I fear that I have sent the letter without my name signed to it, making the letter unintentionally an anonymous one. Whether the little ones called me, or what happened to make me forget or neglect writing my name I do not remember, but it is on my mind that I did neglect it. Please excuse me to her & tell her who wrote & also I beg of you dear Friend, tell her kindly not to speak of my neglect in her reply when she receives the box as her letter will have to be seen by all, & read publicly to the Sewing Circle. I hope that the contents of the box will meet some of their wants. I love the Missionaries & if God in his providence places me where I can do anything for Mr. Ainslie or you next winter, I shall certainly try. I was sick so long this last fall and winter that it was very late in the season before I was able to go to church & when I did go in Feb. I found no box at all commenced & no "Sewing Circle" at all, & although we could only hope to do a little we thought it best to do that little. Mrs. Merrill sends you a coat, my wish was to send you, as you wished a suit, but you know Mrs. M. is much older & more experienced than I was & she carried her way in this, through another, but I succeeded in getting an entire suit for Mr. A. The cloth for the coat was a gift from a friend of mine in New York not at all acquainted in our Church. Tell me how they like the contents, as your answer will be private as I hope this will be. My health is being restored by the kindness of "Our Father in Heaven", & I sincerely hope yours is also. How is Mrs. Jackson & Daisie. You asked once for our likenesses, I have forgotten if I sent them, if I did not I shall

as I want Mrs. J's as promised, also Mr. & Mrs. Ainslie's. Write another Sabbath School letter, you do write so well to children. I never flatter, I mean just what I say. Dr. West has come to the General Assembly, & I fear our church is in that condition from which it can never rise. Not my friend, that I blame our dear Pastor, but I blame our people. "Do my Friends no harm" has been seemingly entirely forgotten by them. Perhaps I am wrong, but of one thing I know I am right, that the office of pastor demands respect, & that we owe respect to Dr. West, & as long as he stands in that position to us, we shall honor him, whatever others do. Hoping very soon to hear from you, & with love to your wife & also Mrs. Ainslie.

I remain sincerely yours,

Annie L. Cruikshank.

215 Schermerhorn St.,
Brooklyn.

St. Louis, May 30th, 1866.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

As it, just now, seems probable that our stay here will be prolonged till mid-summer, I may as well open correspondence with friends in Minn. The small number of members here, very opportunity to hinder transaction of business, so that after two weeks of session, we are as Dr. Beardman says "only on the threshold" of the great matters before the Assembly. They would provoke us to move the previous question and so stand as wronged men, as martyrs before the public.

Van Dyke spoke yesterday. To-day we expect to hear Brookes. After hearing him if our men move the previous question there will be a ready approval. At the close of the Session yesterday, Dr. Gurley brought forward a substitute for the paper of the Com. on the Louisville Presby. which at first sight seemed to suit the As. How it will look this morning remains to be seen. It is to refer all final action till next Gen. As. meanwhile denying to all who have signed the Declaration and testimony, the exercise of their rights in all Ch. Courts higher than a Ch. Session. Also dissolving any Presby. adopting said paper and constituting a presby. of the loyal members of said Presby.

My home is at Carendelet, six miles down the river, the rail road affording communication between that place and St. Louis. This arrangement was needful because the Secesh of St. Louis shut their doors on all loyal members of the Assembly, the two strong churches of Dr. Anderson and Brookes entertaining only the contemptible minority. I however find it very pleasant to retire from the noise and heat and dust of the great city to the flower and strawberry gardens of the outskirts.

Dr. Lowrie is very earnest to have me go to the Omaha Mission, for a year, or even for a shorter time, till they can look around for a suitable man. I have not yet decided to go, but may on my return home. Mr. Burtt is here.

Mr. Loomis talks of spending at least a year in our region at one of our out posts. Bro. Speer has also spoken for a place for a Mr. Ewing, who was Prof. of languages in Jeff. Col. There are others who talk strongly of trying our field.

Bro. Caldwell identifies himself with the minority, much to the disgrace of his presby. indeed of the Synod. I begin to see now why he is popular with a certain class at Rochester. Many inquire for you, and many regret your absence from the Assembly. I have not met Bro. Mills and do not know where to find him. Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and all our dear people.

Your fellow servant,
Geo. Ainslie.

Kittanning,
Fri., June 1, 1866.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Sir:

Yours of May 10th, in answer to Mr. Ewing, has been received. We thank you kindly for your interest in our "Society", and will take much pleasure in fitting out a box of clothing for Mrs. Andrews & her child. We hope to be able to forward the same about the first of July. As we are a new Society, and have not as yet found where our labors are most needed, any information on the subject will be gladly received.

Respectfully,

Miss S. D. R.

Sallie D. Reynolds.

Box 96. Kittanning, Pa. ----- Cor. Sec.

Newark, June 11, 1866.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your welcome letter was received on Saturday, day before yesterday. I was very glad to hear from you, and that the Lord was still blessing you with His Grace, and that you had sent a missionary to LaCrosse, and also desired an interest in our Prayers for God's blessing to attend his labors. It was my privilege to read your letter to the meeting and you may rest assured that hearty and fervent supplications were offered for the Divine blessing on you and the Missionary at LaCrosse. We had a delightful meeting, there were about 20 present. I must tell you what meetings we have had during the spring. I think I never saw so great an interest as has been manifest not only as it regards the large numbers present (some evenings as high as 80 young men and youths have been present at my house) but a deep anxiety for the Salvation of the soul among the impenitent has been apparent. I should like very much to make a trip West again this summer, but do not expect to. Remember me to your friends at Rochester. My family are comfortable at present. Mrs. Alling has been complaining most all spring with a cold but she is much better now. You wish to be remembered to Mrs. Ball, but alas our dear old mother is no more below. She has we trust made a happy exchange. She died on the 30th of December last, in her 85th year. The funeral was a very large one, and took place at my house. Such is life, the aged and the young and all ages must succumb to the destroyer. Write soon. We send our regards to you all.

Yours truly,
H. Alling.

P. S. I forgot to explain to you that the enclosed \$10.00 is a donation from our Mission School. We have been taking up a collection for several months past, in our School and at our Teachers Meeting. The other evening we found that we had nearly twenty dollars on hand so we resolved to send you \$10. and \$10. to a new mission school here in our city, so you will please receive this for the benefit of your school, and write an interesting letter adapted to the capacities of Mission School children.

Yours truly,
Horace Alling.

New York, June 30, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minna.

Dear Sir:

Your favor came duly to hand. A variety of causes has prevented an earlier response. I note the contents of your letter as respects the diminution of the force with regret.

Agreeably with your wishes I called on one of our congregation who never refuses any application and with his aid I am enabled to hand you a check for the amount you require.

How does our clerical friend, whose daughter is at school, succeed in meeting his requirements. From the tenor of your letter respecting him. I judge he has means of his own, but if he is in straits again please let me know.

I take much pleasure in responding to your application, and am glad of the channel opened thro you by which I am brought into direct communication with the field.

Yours truly,

Wm. R. Janeway.

St. Louis, June 30, 1866.

Rev. S. Jackson.

Dear Sir:

Your recent favor respecting the papers came safely to hand, and I shall be happy to forward a package in the course of a few days. The heat is excessive and keeps us all in-doors, if possible. Brother A-----and family are all absent in Boston

A Convention has been called here for August 15th, to straighten out matters in our District Churches. They are mostly from Missouri & Kentucky. I suppose they intend to pour oil on the troubled waters; pray God each may prove a fire brand. I wish they would stay at home, trying to convert souls - talk less and pray more - and thus do the Master's work more truly than in displaying their talents in declamation.

I am happy to hear of your family addition, and trust they will both be spared as a crown of your rejoicing.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself, from

Yours truly,

Elizabeth W. Clarke.

I shall give you notice of the bundle by the Express.

New York, July 16, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minna.

Dear Bro.

Yours of 6th inst. ack. rec't. of \$75. is at hand.

I regret to learn that Rev. Mr. Craig is so much involved. It is a sad state to pinch and be cramped but much worse to be in debt with no means of pay.

Enclosed please find a check for sixty (\$60.) dollars, the balance unpaid on my daughter's bill at school. Please apply it for the liquidation thereof and send the receipt to Mr. C. as coming from a friend who would encourage him to continued steadfastness in the work of the Ministry.

Please inform me of the amount of the quarterly tuition at the school in R.--, also in confidence let me know clearly and explicitly as to Ellen's parts. whether above mediocrity, and whether you are confident that she posses the talents necessary if improved, of an efficient and useful teacher. You assure me of your continued prayers in behalf of me and mine. I am not to their value. I prize them highly. Indeed it is more than a compensation that I secure so great a blessing from those to whom God makes me his almoner.

Now, let me somewhat direct your prayers. My oldest son (living) has nearly completed his medical course. He is serious at times and leads us to hope that he will soon decide; but then he halts, and seems to grow indifferent again to the great subject. If he were only converted he might become very useful. My next son and the next younger of the two are with me in the store. They are both members of the Church. The former is very exemplary, a bright light. The other more volatile but likewise conscientious, but more irregular in his Christian deportment. May they grow in grace and be inheritors in large measure of the grace that was in their Grandfather.

My youngest son is now ten years of age. His parts are excellent; the head or next to head in all his classes. Fond of study. I have much freedom in asking that God may endow him with every gift and every grace requisite and then call him into the ministry, as he called Paul & Peter. This I was never free to ask for the others, and I am hopeful that the prayer will be answered. Will you not unite with me in this. that so if consistent with His infinite wisdom it may be answered.

My youngest child is a little girl, an only daughter,

very precious, very bright. May God give her His grace and make her very useful.

My business prospers, and my prayer is that if consistent with His will, and grace be given me as a faithful steward, that he will continue and increase the same. Just now we contemplate taking into the firm a person who has been with us for some time as a clerk. It is a very important step. God in the past has I believe in answer to prayer, signally interfered in our behalf in a matter of a proposed partnership and better than our surmises. Please pray that he will direct us at this time also, and if unwise, or likely to be attended with unfavorable circumstances, that he will interfere to prevent it.

And now dear Bro. I have written you more intimately and confidentially in relation to my affairs than I think I have ever before done to any one else. I am not wont to intrude matters of private interest on others well knowing how little they are likely to engage their attention. But I trust I have not wearied you as I have full confidence in your assurance, that I enjoy an interest in your prayers. Let me assure you that I take a deep interest in your work, and pray for your success and encouragement in the same.

Yours very truly,
Wm. R. Janeway.

St. Louis, July 16, 1866.

Rev. S. Jackson.

Dear Sir:

The receipt of your letter gave me much pleasure, and for various reasons. First, I was glad to hear from an old friend. Second that your being prospered in your work as a laborer in our Lord's vineyard, and most of all that the standard of the Cross is being planted in so many hitherto unoccupied spots of our dear land. The Methodists are usually the Pioneers in our religious enterprises, and from their exhortatory style of preaching, are more attractive to the rough backwoodsman than a more labor form of address; but I infer from your former remarks, when here, that many of those you meet are emigrants from the East, where the Congregation is the family form of Church government, and they readily unite with Presbyterians. I consider a great point is gained when a church is organized, and how very frequently does a Sunday School bring conviction and conversion to some heart where the seed was planted long ago but remained choked up by the cares of this life and necessity of daily toil to

Florence Metz.

sustain it. Now, advancing age whispers that time is short, once awakened the plant bears fruit of unexpected excellence. This is a great encouragement in ministerial efforts and you have doubtless many times been surprised at finding a co-worker instead of opposition. May souls to your ministry be constantly increasing, not in being made members of a church only but in leading lives of Christian excellence and thus relieving your burdens. With regard to the action of the Assembly, I was perfectly satisfied, though as an honest confession is good for the soul rebellion was so hateful to my feelings that in the case of Robinson, a known approver of all its acts. I think a hemp collar the most fitting ornament, and am therefore disqualified to form a correct judgment. Many persons (ministers) clear headed, and cool on every other subject, justified the course taken and I rejoice in its result. Perhaps there is a large amount of human nature in my constitution which forbids immediate affiliation with those who only lacked opportunity to put a knife to my heart. Jeff D. is safe and I trust will ever remain so. No change has taken place in any of the churches here that I know of but some are apprehended.

I am quite alone now as Mr. and Mrs. Shapleigs with the four little boys and Lizzie are in Boston for the summer. St. Louis is very hot, and dusty, but quite as healthy as usual. Our Heavenly Father has so far kept that dreaded disorder, Cholera, from visiting us, and there is no prevailing epidemic at present. My kind regards to Mrs. Jackson, and Daisie. Your letter was handed to Mrs. Scott who joins with me in Christian greetings and hopes we shall sometime be favored with another visit from all your family.

Truly yours,

E. W. Clarke.

Kittanning,

July 16th, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

Our ladies have prepared some clothing for your pioneer missionary & they have packed a trunk, and it will be forwarded tomorrow by Express to your care. The Cor. Sect. will write you, but I write this note, to ask you to write to the ladies something to encourage them in their work. As they are just commencing, I am very anxious that

they should be successful and I know that any word of encouragement from you would do them great good.

They have another box ready to send to a Mr. Dickey somewhere in the West. We have some Sabbath School books & also some other works which they will likely send you soon, but not by express, but as freight.

May the blessing of God in a special manner rest upon all our missionaries.

Your bro. in Christ,
D. Ewing.

Kittanning,

Tues., July 17th, 1866.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dr. Sir:

You will find enclosed the list of the clothing shipped to Mrs. M. R. Andrews to-day together with the key of the trunk in which the articles are packed.

In the "Express Office" here, they didn't seem to understand what we meant by the "Merchant's Despatch" but told us the box would go safer if we only paid the express on it as far as Chicago. We accordingly did so, and I enclose you the receipt for that distance. We will be obliged to you if you pay the balance due, and forward us the bill. They could't tell us here what the whole amount would be.

We sent you eighty books for your Sunday School library. I am sorry to say that I could not remember the name of the book you wished for yourself & as I had destroyed your letter, I could't refer to it. If you will mention the name again when you send the bill, if we have the book, we can express it to you.

I see on examination of this receipt, that it is marked Mrs. Anderson. Should the trunk be marked "Anderson" it may give you some trouble. I feel sorry about it, but it is too late to rectify the mistake. But as you know to whom the box belongs, I trust you will have no difficulty in claiming it.

Hoping you will reply at your earliest convenience, I am,

Very respectfully,

Sallie D. Reynolds.

Cor. Sec.

Box. 96.

Kittanning, Pa.

New York, Sept. 3, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 29th ult. is at hand. I am obliged to you for giving me the first refusal of the case you mention. Poor Chapin's daughter, that uncle of hers is a noble fellow. God bless and prosper him. I will undertake to defray the tuition of the eldest daughter for the ensuing year including Music, Piano, provided she possesses decided musical taste and ability (not size) and German. Let her enter school as soon as you deem best. As to her clothing, as that is out of my line perhaps I had better leave it to others, especially as my views of female attire are rather rigid. You will please keep my agency in the matter private sending the bills to me as they be due, one half of which I see is in advance.

My inquiries about Ellen Craigs capacity and your answer seem directed of Providence to cover this interesting case.

Yours truly,

Wm. F. Janeway.

Brooklyn, Oct. 4th, 1866.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

We have returned from the country after an absence of eight weeks, with health improved from having had a change of air.

You will please find enclosed a certified check for one hundred dollars.

Hoping this may find you all in good health, I remain,

Yours truly,

John Millard.

Albany, Oct. 19, 1866.

My dear Jackson:

Your letter and photo. came safely. The church makes a beautiful picture. I am very much pleased with it, and so

are all to whom I have shown it. Have you sent it generally to your subscribers?

Calling this morning on Mr. Wm. Wendell he remarked that he had not yet received one and that he would like one very much. He said also that if you would send one each of the Church and yourself to Mr. E. H. Roberts, of Middletown, Conn., it would be a compliment he would appreciate. Mr. Roberts, he said, sent you \$25. thro Mr. Wendell as I understood.

I wish I could do something for the Itinerent Missionaryship, for I know its importance. But you know the old story of the prophet without honor in his own country. I am restrained also by my own feelings. I feel that I draw rather on the goodwill than on the benevolence of the friends from whom I ask money, and to a certain extent I found this realized in collecting \$350 for Hunter. So I shall not try again, but simply use my influence to back others. Your reputation is well established both here and elsewhere. It is a good reputation. People feel that they give not to you but to your cause, when you present it. And you could raise more money in a week than I could in a month. I stand higher than ever instead of being an object of suspicion.

I asked Mr. Wendell about the propriety of inviting you on to present the cause, and he rather advised against it for this year on the ground that the First Church (late Dr. Campbell's) had just built a Mission Chapel costing over \$5000 and were running it, and would hardly feel like entertaining your cause immediately. As he is himself a liberal man, not afraid of good objects, his opinion is entitled to consideration. But, after all, there is always money in the Church to be had for the asking, if the cause is rightly presented. And the Synod could not do better than to send you out. And if the general results are as before, the people will be more interested in Home Missions each time you come.

I have mortgaged my Benev. Fund for a year in advance to publish a tract on God's Way of Giving, which I hope will bear fruit many fold. The Board have it still under consideration. It may not be out before the Holidays.

I am always glad to get your budgets of information. I hope you will not forget it. My health is tolerable, but uneven, too much so to allow me to engage in any regular work. I work as opportunities prompt, though not in preaching. With regards to the brethren, and kind remembrances to

Mrs. Jackson.

Yours fraternally,
Robert Strong.

New York, Oct. 23, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear friend:

It was very kind and thoughtful in you to send us the photograph of your Church, and we have taken great pleasure in looking at it, and showing it to some of the friends who have contributed toward it. It looks very pretty in the picture, and it must be a great source of satisfaction to you to see your labors so crowned with success. I hope you may enjoy many hours of happiness in the little manse adjoining it, and welcome many added to the communion of the Church through your instrumentality, and that you may yet have many years to labor in building up Christ's kingdom in our Western States.

In regard to the other matter contained in your letter, I must ask for some more definite information before we can decide whether it will be expedient for us to undertake it. We see many difficulties in the way of undertaking to supply an entire wardrobe, the distance is so great that perhaps you could find some one nearer to you who could attend to it more intelligently. It does not come directly under the object for which our Society works, but I will state the case to them when we meet. (We shall probably begin next week) and I think I can promise to do something, certainly for this winter.

We should like to know Mary's age & size, and whether she remains with you, or is to be placed at a boarding school, and for how long a time she will need to be provided for. If you or Mrs. Jackson could also send us a list of what she most needs this winter to make her comfortable it might help us to decide what is best for us to do, also, if you could estimate what sum of money it would annually require or if you could provide better for her if the money were sent to you either in whole or in part. Cold weather is coming on and we must all begin to work. Kind regards to Mrs. J.

Truly yours,

E. M. Walsh.

New York, Oct. 30, 1886.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minna.

Dear Bro.:

Yours of the 8th inst. came duly to hand. Enclosed please find check for eighty-eight dollars in payment of Miss Chapin's bill which I return enclosed.

Your church building as per photo. is a tasteful edifice. May it ever be filled with true worshipers.

Yours truly,

Wm. R. Janeway.

Albany, Nov. 2, 1886.

My dear Jackson:

Your letter to the 1st Church Sunday School has been handed over to them. It will, I have no doubt, receive a welcome. I think you are to be congratulated on the tact you have shown in making your appeal in this shape, and I shall be disappointed if you do not get both articles for the fair and cash also.

Let me recur again to the photographs. Mr. Wendell was really gratified in receiving one, and so he told me was his wife. He said that his gratification in receiving it was proof enough to him of the value of such a recognition of gifts. If you have not sent them generally to your subscribers here, on the score of expense, suppose you reconsider the question under this suggestion, that it would be repaid perhaps ten fold directly in the increased interest taken in this box for your fair.

I know that you are alive to all good arguments for increasing the interest of our people in Home Missions, so I do not hesitate to urge this mode again, supposing that of course you have the subscription book still, and the names.

I shall send you in a few days my "Episcopal Invitation". It comes out anonymous at my request. If you think it adapted for usefulness I can send you 1/2 doz. extra copies. And you can make its existence known through the Presbytery. I felt that the subject needed rehandling and am a little curious to see if it meets a want. Yet even if completely successful, its circulation must be mainly thro ministers for the people do not buy such tracts until their attention is

called to them. Our Board declined it, for which I am rather thankful, for it enabled me to improve it materially and then to experience the courtesy of the Other Branch.

Yours fraternally,
Robert Strong.

New York, Nov. 7th.

My dear friend:

I send you the cheque for two hundred dollars. I hope it will not be too late for your object. There are so many wells in New York at this time, that there were very few I would like to ask for it. A lady friend gave me one hundred, Mr. Jaffery fifty, and Mrs. Taber and myself the rest.

Do you take the Presbyterian? If you do not, I could send it to you occasionally. There is a letter in it this week from Minnesota signed Flagger. Do you know who it is? Will send the paper pen. Hope you have not seen it. Please give my love to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours sincerely,
F. S. Phillips.

412 Broadway,
New York, Nov. 10, 1851.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We hope to get a small box ready by Monday eve. It's the gift of our dear benefactors. My wife says "She would not send it". I will, for the children took so much delight in bringing them to my house. One little girl gave her best doll & we all thanked her for it. Only wish I could stand behind our table, even if common in appearance. Its the Lord's cause, & mites are acceptable. If they appear badly, give them away.

Wishing you great success, & with best regards to your family, I am,

Yours in the field,
J. S. Howell.

J. City P. O. Box 135.

Albany, Nov. 13, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Last Sabbath I had the pleasure of reading to our school your very interesting letter of Oct. 25th, and afterwards we had some remarks from Mr. Ingersoll of St. Paul, Supt. of the S. School of 1st Pres. Church of that city. Mr. I. told the school that he knew you & he urged them to do all they could to aid the Cause of Sunday Schools at the West. Our anniversary occurs next Sabbath & immediately after that I shall again call the attention of both teachers & scholars to the notice already given, that a box of articles is to be packed at our school room on Monday 26th inst. & to be forwarded to you in compliance with the suggestion in your letter.

Should I continue to be Supt. of this school, I want to increase their interest in the mission work and would like to propose to them to devote their monthly collections to the aid of feeble S. Schools in your vicinity or to the establishment of new schools in destitute neighborhoods, and I think our school might become interested in such work and do much good by a systematic effort in this direction.

If you can find time to write giving me any suggestions on the subject, I shall feel obliged. I would like to know if there are locations near you where schools could be established advantageously if means were provided, & also what sum would be required to establish a school, and any other information on the subject that you may give me I shall prize.

I want to make these children habitual givers for their own sake, and want them to give also of their means for the benefit of those who are less favored.

Yours very truly,

J. d. Pratts.

Supt. S. S. 1st Pres. Ch.

P. S. You are probably aware of the fact that our Church in Sept. last completed a Mission Chapel in the South part of the City at a cost of 5000. It is free of debt & has a school of over 200 scholars every Sab. afternoon.

J. H. P.

Lawrenceville, N. J., Nov. 14, /66.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

Dr. Gosman gave me the letter you sent to our Sabbath School. We were very glad to hear from you & to receive the photograph of your church. It gives us much pleasure to know that you have such a nice church built, in which to worship God and win souls for Christ, & we feel that we, together with the whole church are much indebted to you for the very great exertions and sacrifices you have made to establish the Presbyterian church in Rochester. Our school are very glad that you have given us an opportunity to aid you in your enterprise and have requested me to inform you that we will send you a box of articles for your Fair.

I would like to know your direction and how to send the box, whether as freight or by express. Hoping that you will be successful in your efforts to pay your debt, & praying that God will abundantly bless you & your noble little band of Presbyterians, I am,

Yours truly,

James G. I. Campbell.

To

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Albany, Nov. 15th, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your favor enclosing photo. of your church was duly received, and which shall receive a more extended notice. I am requested by my good wife, to inform you that our Sabbath School, Teachers & Scholars, will send you a box of useful, and fancy articles, but whether there will be enough to furnish a table, we cannot say. We hope to pack the box on Monday, the 3d of December, and I will see that it is forwarded the same day, and in the mean time, I remain,

Yours truly,

Wm. Wendell.

Trenton, Nov. 15, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dr. Bro.:

Doct Hall sent me your letter directed to the S. S. of the First Presb. Ch. of which I am one of the superintendants, Mr. W. S. Johnson being the other.

We brought the matter before the school and the proposition to assist your Ch. in the way proposed was favorably received, and you may expect something from us. We propose to get what we can by Thanksgiving day, and to get the school together to see their donations and have some anniversary exercises, this being the fifth year since the establishment of this school, and the gentlemen by whom it was done still living, we hope to secure his presence on the occasion. You will please send shipping directions.

I remain, your friend,

W. J. Owens.

Middletown, Connecticut,
November 19th, 1866.

Rev. and Dear Sir:

I pray you to pardon my seeming negligence in so long delaying a reply to your letter of 25th ultimo, and thanking you for the photograph of your church. It shows well in our general collection of such works of art.

Mrs. Roberts and myself were visiting the Albany portion of our family, and there saw your letter to Mr. Ludlows (late Dr. Campbells Church) it being in the hands of our daughter, Mrs. Wm. Wendell, who engaged with her usual energy, in getting up a box for your fair, in which Mrs. R., and our youngest daughter, although suffering from weak eyes, had an opportunity to assist a little.

The exertions of your congregation are most praiseworthy, and cannot fail of a blessing from our Heavenly Father. "God helps those who help themselves", and I pray that you all, may be greatly prospered in every good thing, and that the holy spirit may be poured out upon you, and upon the whole world, more and more abundantly.

I want a little piece more of your church edifice, and enclose my check on "Leather Manufacturers National Bank" New York City for ten dollars to pay for it. (would that I could make it more). I do not like to risk bank notes by mail, and no doubt you can easily turn the check into cash,

without discount as all matters financial, tend naturally to
the great money market of the country.

Very respectfully, your friend and brother
in Christ,

E. H. Roberts.

A BILL.

Obtained while East 1864.		\$4121.64
" after return by letter 1864.		713.20
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" " " 1866.		856.00
" put into Manse (\$400)		<u>7263.19</u>
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1865 & 6	600.00	
	<u>\$1100.00</u>	
Put into Manse.	\$ 400.00	
	<u>\$ 700.00</u>	

3 years service \$1000. -- \$3000.

Original Members.	"	Added.	"	Total.
October 64.	"		"	July 67.
	"		"	100
City	5	375	"	<u>275</u>
	"		"	
County	26	19	"	<u>465</u>
			"	
Manse	200.		"	76 now in City.
Bell	500.		"	30 in Country.
Furnace	450.		"	18 Absent.
Communion Service	50.		"	11 in Country for me.
Pew Racks	40.		"	
Sabbath S. Books	100.		"	25

Rochester, Sabbath Eve, Nov. 25th.

My dear Minnesota Missionary,

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

Your hearty Christian letter handed to me the Sabbath after it was received by Dr. Hall, brought back to our minds eye, your pleasant face, and to my own mind, the resolution I then made, that yours, should from that time be our mission field, & how poorly with many other good resolutions it has been kept. I took the photograph of your truly neat & tasty church around from class to class, calling back to them your cheery, pleasant face, and before the close of the school, I read to them your message of love, and it would have done your heart good, to have seen the unanimous & hearty response they all, teachers & scholars, gave to your request, and I hope that your prayer that God would assist us to carry out the then desires of our hearts, has in some measure been answered. A place of meeting for the young ladies was appointed to devise a plan make up articles fearing that they might not do as much as we ought as a school for want of proper materials to make up, I said to them that I would give them \$50. to purchase what materials they might need, as a starting point, but I learned on the next Sabbath what men are so slow to learn that in all benevolent operations women are more judicious in the expenditure of money, but also that they are more patient to carry out details than men, for they quietly informed me next Sabbath that they did not need the \$50. They wanted to reverse that and send it with the box, so that you would have so much money save. Was not this noble, they preferred to gather up their materials as they could, and have you have the box and the money too. They have had two or three meetings since. What they have gathered I have not seen as yet. One thing I know, you have been the means under God of doing us all good, stirring up our hearts, to commence doing for you, what we of our own free wills and thoughtfulness, should have been forward to have done a year ago. Many little hands in every class in the school have been busy upon their little offerings. My own dear boys 9 & 11 years, Georgie & Granger, sent two wooden brackets of their own handy work alone, done to encourage them in doing good. Please inform me after the sale how much they bring. We now intend to send the box prepaid by express on Thanksgiving day as an offering of Thanksgiving

to Our Heavenly Father for His goodness to us as a school.

As an earnest of our kindly feeling and our Christian love for you and your noble Christian work, I send enclosed a draft for \$50. to be added to what you may receive for the articles sent for the table of the Third Pres. Church, Rochester, N. York. Altho. the articles may not bring a large amount, yet I regard each article as precious carrying as it does the precious spirit of our Saviour. Love? Love? Charity! in its true, true sense from the hearts of the little band of His covenant children in the Third Church Roch., N. Y., to the hearts of His Covenant children of the First Presby. Church, Minnesota. May Gods blessing go with them and may the proceeds be blessed by him, which shall increase His work a thousand fold.

And now my dear brother what can I say to encourage your heart and your arduous labors. Gods spirit seems to be so manifestly with you and you are so much blessed in those labors, that it would seem superfluous to me to add anything: but I may be able to lighten or make those labors more pleasant, by informing you that our Lord has made me His treasurer, and He deposited with me a considerable amount, and has given me talents, and the opportunities to increase the deposits, and was for a series of years put it into my mind and heart to hear the voice of His spirit in His word to "lay aside each week (or at stated periods) as the Lord doth prosper" for the Lords special work, and He does speak to me in His word to pay especial heed to His Drafts, made through His servants laboring in His service in the more trying & destitute fields of missionary labor to His cause in their hands not only, but to His servants "for in as much as ye have done it to one of the least of one of these my disciples ye have done it unto Me". Now my dear bro. the Lord has cast your lot in a precious field, has filled your heart with His love and has no doubt supplied fully your personal wants, but no doubt your heart is often pained to see many times so much lost for the want of a little timely aid. What I ask is this, that whenever you or the work of the Lord suffering for the lack of means and feel that it is really a work of His, that He has treasured down east here, who although only aged 37 has a fund "laid up" for the calls of the Master.

And now my dear bro. allow me to urge one thing overlooked by many teachers of the young upon you, train the young of your church in the Grace of systematic benevolence. "Week by week, at stated periods. Oh, if all the children of the

Church could grow up to have this "grace also", now would the Treasuries of the Lord overflow, & how would the treasuries of Gods people be filled for as they give out by hand fulls with the right motive, he sends it back by baskets full.

Good bye & may God bless you and your self denying people is the prayer of your brother and Elder, the son of an Elder and the Supt. of the 3d Church S. School.

E. H. Hollister.

Albany, Nov. 27th, 1866.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a check for thirty-six dollars, twenty-five cents, twenty dollars of which, is a donation from Mr. Wendell, the remainder, from some of the members of the S. School, not skilled in manufacturing fancy articles. Also the key to the trunk containing the articles enumerated in the accompanying list, was forwarded to you this day by the American Express Co. We wish it had been a great deal more, but this season of the year, brings so many demands upon both time and purse, that it is no easy matter to meet them all. Though when we read your account of your own self denying people, our warmest sympathies are excited, and we feel self condemned, that we do so little for our Master. The articles are marked to correspond with the market here, but of course, the ladies will make any alterations they think best.

Hoping that your fair will prove a perfect success, and every dollar of your debt be paid, permit me to subscribe myself,

Your sincere friend,

W. E. Wendell.

P. S. I opened this letter, at the request of Mr. Ash, to say that if there should be any charges on the trunk the ladies would like to have you notify them, for it has been franked through.

E. A. Hills.

Pin cushion.

2 Rattle boxes.

Cushion cover & Mats.

2 Lace stockings with candy.

1 Lace stocking with pop-corn.	6 Holders.
Childs apron.	Shell-box.
2 Book marks.	Carved basket.
4 Tiddies.	4 pair Socks.
3 Hoods.	Babies Hood.
2 Scarf.	Bead cushion.
7 Tomato cushions.	Breakfast cape.
2 pair crocketed mats.	3 Books.
2 Toilet bags.	Alphabet.
Doll.	2 Steel cars.
Wool-socks.	2 pair Mats.
Knitted slippers.	2 Ladies aprons.
4 Perfume bags.	6 Bows for Boys collars.
Pen Wiper.	Set of jack stones.
Toilet set.	1 doz. lace bags with candy.
Bracket.	Toys.
6 Pair Hose.	
Babies Sacque.	

Trenton, Nov. 29, 1865.

Dear Brother:

We expect to pack your box to-morrow, and we hope you may receive the things in good time and that your cause may be helped through their means.

You know we had not much notice, but we think the children done well and now I must tell you about the lay, and the occasion. We decorated the school room with flags and evergreens, then we set out a long table covered with a white cloth, then all the articles were laid out on this table. In another room another table was set with handsome iced cakes apples, &c., and at the proper time six gallons of ice cream was placed on this table. This was to be a surprise for the children. They were told they must give this time, not receive. In due time Mr. Sherrard arrived from Belvidere, the gentleman who started the first Sunday School in Trenton just 50 years before. We met in the Church at 3 P. M. had addresses and singing &c. The congregation were then invited to visit the school room and see the articles which they did. The school then went down to the lecture room and afterwards were permitted to go into the school room and see the table. This being done they were conducted into the refreshment room. The ice cream &c. was soon demolished and the child-

ren then left for their homes, well pleased with their Thanksgiving day. The ladies have marked the articles, but of course you will do the best you can whether it be more or less. We shall be glad to hear how our table succeeded.

Your letter was read to-day at our Anniversary meeting & I was glad I received it in time. Hoping to hear of the safe arrival of the box, I remain,

Your Bro. in Christ,

W. J. Owens.

Schenectady, Nov. 30, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send draft on New York for \$50. to aid your church. I believe this will be provided some time since. If I have the means and have no other calls more urgent, I may continue to do something for your enterprise.

With kind regards to you and yours, I remain,

Yours truly,

C. H. Matthes.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

As Mother is disabled from using her right hand for a short time, she has commissioned me to write you and enclose a cheque for \$25. which a few friends have united in contributing towards Miss Chapin's wardrobe. Thinking that twenty

five dollars was a very small sum to clothe a young lady for the winter, Mother will also send a few garments which she hopes will be of use, but if they are not suitable for Miss Chapin, she trusts that Mrs. Jackson will dispose of them in any way she thinks best. We will send the box in the course of a day or two. Mother desires to be kindly remembered both to yourself and to Mrs. Jackson.

I remain,

Yours truly,

O. E. Walsh.

Dec. 3rd, 1866.

My dear Mrs. Jackson:

Please do me the favor to accept a few things which I have great pleasure in sending for yourself and your little daughter. My little Faith who is now four years old, has grown out of many of her articles of clothing, some of which I have thought to offer your little girl. I enclose ten dollars, thinking that a little money may prove useful in having your dresses made up.

With kind regards for your husband, I am,

Your sincere friend,

Anna F. Jaffray.

Dec. 3, 1866.

The box was sent on Sat. Dec. 1st. I was not in when it went and so the charges have to go with the box, but you will pay the express (Am. Exp. Co.), and write me the amount & we will remit it to you.

Please tell us something about your place, its population, business, churches, &c., &c. The question has been asked, what kind of a place is Rochester?

Yours,

W. J. O.

Rochester, N. Y.,

Dec. 4th, 1866.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will please find receipt for box of articles sent to your address this day, per U. S. Express Co., charges prepaid. A small package was overlooked in packing the box, consisting of a fan and three small bottles of perfume, which I will send to you to-day by mail. This fan is part of the donation of the class, called "The Conquerors". I believe that most of the articles are designated from what classes donated.

It has afforded much pleasure to all the teachers and members of our Sunday School, to respond to the proposition for furnishing a table at your contemplated fair or festival. I assure you we have an affection for our church, as

we call it, in the far north west, and very earnestly we hope and pray, for its prosperity, both temporal and spiritual.

Trusting that the box may reach its destination safely, and that its contents may prove acceptable, and help in some measure in a pecuniary manner the church of which you are the honored pastor, I remain,

Yours truly,
Geo. Presk.

Lawrenceville, Dec. 17th. 1866.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I sent you the box from our Sunday School a week ago to-day. —We had the box nearly packed before we got your letter asking us to name the value of the articles. Our articles were not expensive except the shell frame made by Miss Bella Nassau, which we thought worth about \$10.00. It has indeed been a "labor of love" to get ready this box for you. Enclosed you will find a draft for \$65. which is the amount of money we raised for your Fair.

I hope sir, that you will be permitted to see a strong & vigorous church grow up, as the fruit of your labors & prayers at Rochester.

I feel that the work of home missions needs far more liberal support than it now receives from our church. I hope that the day is near, when we as a people shall realize that an enlightened Christianity is the only safe guard of our liberties. Our prayer should be for more faith, so that we shall not fear to "Honor the Lord with our substance & with the first fruits of all our increase". When God's people trust His promises & are earnest in their prayers for the extension of His Kingdom, then shall we see the Home & Foreign work both prospering in an unwonted degree, & there will be no lack of men or of means to carry on the grand work of the conversion of the world.

Praying that Gods blessing may continue to follow your labors, I am,

Yours sincerely,
James C. I. Campbell.

Brocklyn, Jan. 30, 1867.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of Dec. 21st duly received. We are delighted with the photographs. Pussy makes an interesting appearance. I went down town this morning to arrange for sending the package to Carters, & found a great addition from a friend who had promised me some articles to dispose of as I thought best. These articles are of a very expensive quality, & with slight exceptions in good order. What you can use keep, & dispose of the residue as may be needed.

From Mrs. Trask, black coat, vest & pants, linen shirt boson (Mrs. Enos spoke of a black dress for Mrs. Jackson)--she will send. From my friend, a white black over coat, & vest to match, black broadcloth pants, & pair black light pants & light vest, & 2 pairs hats, which will yet do good service. You may recollect Mrs. Wyckoff sent you five dollars last year. She gave me five for you to-day, had been anxiously waiting to see me, that I might forward it. You had been much on her mind of late. She took your address & will forward a Dutch Reformed paper. She is poor, but deeply interested in your work. Now I shall sew the bill into the right vest pocket as there is too much to go in the book box. I must try to forward in a box of my own, may go over to Carters for advice.

Mrs. Enos has pamphlets & Observers which I shall put in. Your ladies done very well at their fair, & I do hope you may realize your expectations notwithstanding your sad cran cacks. God will do for us according to our faith, & trust, you know. I bless Him for leading you to call a convention for prayer. I judge it was of various denominations. Do let me know more of it. We are progressing in the same delightful path. Christians banded together will be invaluable. I will send you a number of The Church Union, a new paper, that will make a stir among "High Churchmen", & strengthen Christians. The union prayer meeting in Congress is cheering indeed. O for a general revival throughout our land, that Christians may pray, & sinners come to Christ "as clouds & doves to their windows".

Miss Thurston, 54 Pierrepont St., sends you The Evangelist, they belong to Dr. Storrs' ch.

Our very kind regards to Mrs. J. & yourself. I will write you when to expect your package.

S. M. G. Merrill.

It occurs to me it might be well for you to speak of my

friend, Mrs. Vealie's gift of the clothing for Missionaries. She is a young widow, & has just entered the Presby. Ch. she is rich & needs leading in the right way. A little word might do good.

412 Broadway, New York,
Jan. 4th, 1867.

Dear Bro. in the Field:

Your A. 1. letter to our children at hand. They will hear it next Sabbath. As to the "Table", we shall desire to see the "Hand Mill", not yet to hand. Hope it won't miscarry, as I want to show them how you in the "Wilderness" do up matters & things. Very glad you had such encouragement, & met with such success. We held our 10th S. S. Miss'y. Concert last Sabbath, full room, & had a rough map of your & adjacent countries, where our S. Schools are planted.

Advise me as to the number of Messengers wanted for '67.

Go on.

Yours truly,
J. S. Howell.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

PRESBYTERIAN EDUCATION ROOMS,
Philadelphia, February 5th, 1867.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your Report of the 25th ulto. is received. Above I send you Check of Wm. Main, Treasuer, on Mechanics National Bank, Philadelphia, for Twenty-five dollars, in payment of the appropriation made to the Boys' School of your Ch. Rochester, Minn. for the 3 quarter.

The information that reaches us from your Schools is very cheering. We join our prayers with yours that the spirit may come down in power upon the teachers & taught, upon parents & children, drawing many souls to Jesus.

Do not overlook the preparation of those who will devote themselves to teaching: give such, special advantages. They greatly enlarge your sphere of usefulness.

With much regard, I am,

Fraternally,

Thomas McCauley,

Assist. Secty. Bd. Ed.

New York, Feb. 11, 1867.

Dear Bro.:

Your esteemed favor of the 6th inst. is at hand. Let me congratulate you on the result (thro grace) of your labors. May the Lord add many more. I take heartfelt interest in the mention made of Mary Chapin.

As to myself, my health is wonderfully improved since about the 20th last. I seem entirely well, and I trust I may so continue tho past experience warns me not to be too confident as I am subject to a bilious derangement which at intervals is very sore, and turns all Gods blessings which thro mercy have abounded towards me into worm wood.

As to our financial grip, it has loosened remarkably and we believe that Providence will carry us thro.

Mr. Howell read a letter in S. S. which much to my concern stated that your health was failing. I trust not permanently. May God spare you and continue you at your post. In one of your former letters you stated incidentally that you had been very much cramped financially. This I observed with pain at the time, and now I have the pleasure of enclosing you a check for one hundred dollars which you will please appropriate for your own personal needs. By and-by I hope to send you more for distribution.

Yours very sincerely,

Wm. R. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Rochester, Minna.

Rochester, Minn., Feb. 11, 1867.

Mrs. Sheldon Jackson desires the company of

at the Second Annual Reunion of the Membership of the Presbyterian Church, at the Manse, on Thursday Evening, Feb. 14, at six and one-half o'clock.

St. Louis, March 1, 1867.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother:

When your kind letter to Sister Clarke reached us, in Dec. last, she had just started for Baltimore, so I took the liberty to open it, knowing it was from you, and as we were getting up, or trying to get up our Missionary Society, we have accomplished a little, and from the little I have put a few things in a box for you as you have made such an effort this year to free your church from debt you must necessarily want some things. Oh, how I wish it were double the amount. Our church sent two other boxes to some very needy ministers in this state, but I laid these few things aside for Mrs. Jackson. The photographs are very sweet. Elizabeth is a favorite name in my family, tis my own, and my daughters. Little Bessie looks too cunning for any thing. I should like to have the privilege of taking her in my arms, I have a great love for babies.

Your new church & parsonage looks very pleasant, and I pray God your labors may be greatly blessed in the future, as they have been in the past. You richly deserve a blessing, & no doubt it will come, as God never deserts the faithful, & persevering Christian. To-day has been the day of prayer for the young all over the world, and I trust my dear children will also receive the blessing of regenerate hearts. I have much to pray and labor for, 7 children all out of Christ. Dont forget me & mine at a throne of grace. We are having a few drops of grace in our congregation. God grant that soon we may be blessed with a copious shower, and that there may be a great revival amongst us, so that we may have a better state of feeling in our hearts. Dr. Anderson, Dr. Brooks, & Mr. Lacy of the Pine Street church all unite, but Mr. Nicholls is never asked to join with them. I asked Dr. A. about it. He said when Mr. Nicholles was installed as Pastor, no one was asked to officiate but Mr. Page & old Mr. Cole, and thus the matter stands. Mr. N. is left out entirely. Now my dear friend & brother do you think we can receive a blessing with such feelings in the hearts of our Ministers. I am sure we cannot I told Dr. A. so, God knows, we need it. I pray the Lord will forgive our sins, and bless us in our efforts just now. How have you been progressing this winter? Have you had additions to your church? What a happy feeling it is to be entirely united. Oh, I long for some of the joyous, happy

tires we used to enjoy, 7 or 8 years ago before this dreadful war. Do you think, as Christians, we will be united again I have held on to Dr. A.'s church during the rebellion. I think the action of the next General Assembly, will decide my course for the future. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. & Mrs. Mills in December last, at Webster, I was interested in a fair being held there, the proceeds of which was to furnish the new church. I was much pleased with Mrs. Mills. She told me she had been visiting you last summer. Sister Clarke has not yet returned. We hope to see her in a few weeks. Inclosed I send an American Express receipt for one box. It is sent free of expense, you have nothing to pay, as D. H. marked in blue pencil is sufficient. I shall be much pleased to hear from you soon.

With love to Mrs. J. and a kiss for the dear baby, I remain as ever your friend in the Lord.

E. A. Shapleigh.

New York, Mar. 8, 1867.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Rochester, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 18th inst. came duly to hand. Since I wrote you last I regret to say that I have had a relapse. Indeed the nature of my ailments are such that I cannot expect to be entirely well.

As to our business affair, we are supplied thus far thro Providence, a Providence that has been marked thro out all my history as full of deliverances. Do not fail still to remember me in prayers, especially for my full establishment in the faith.

Enclosed please find check for \$66.00, the amount of Mary Chapin's bill, which I return enclosed. I hope she will prove a most usefull and efficient worker in the vineyard.

Yours very truly,
Wm. R. Janeway.

Rochester, N. Y.,
March 22, 1867.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Mr. Hollister, written last Christmas, was duly received and read by him to the teachers and scholars of our Sabbath School. We were happy to learn that the box resulted so favorably, pecuniarily.

The deep interest you expressed for those in your state destitute of religious instruction and influences awakened a corresponding interest in the members of our school, and it was suggested by Mr. Hollister, that a portion of our Missionary fund, be given for the organization of Sabbath schools and to forward those already organized, & in need of pecuniary assistance, in your vicinity, the money to be sent to you and distributed as your judgment best directed. The suggestion met with a ready response from all the School, and it was the unanimous desire that \$50. be donated for the above object. I was delegated by Mr. Hollister, in Sunday last, to remit to you the money, and herewith, you will please find it enclosed. Accept and use this mite as coming from the Third Presbyterian Church Sunday School of our City, the members of which, superintendent, teachers & scholars, unite in praying that it may be the means of doing some little good, of disseminating God's blessed word through the agency of the Church or the Sabbath School, in those places where it has never, or to little extent, been promulgated, of raising up or sending forth some one to "tell those children who dwells in the regions beyond the hill", of the "children's friend".

With best wishes for the earthly and eternal good of your devoted Minn. Miss'y., I am, in behalf of our Sabbath School,

Yours truly,
Geo. Breck.

Rochester, Apr. 29th, 1867.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I took my pen to copy from Bro. Mitchell's last letter some things which I thought you ought to know, but on second thought I will send the entire letter.

My pony being too busy with her own family matters to go abroad, I walked to Stewartville on Sat. and back yester-

day. To-day I feel rather more Mondayish than usual. Heard Bro. Howard last evening and was much pleased with him.

Judge Fry died on Friday. I do not hear that the small pox is spreading at all, though it is much feared that it will spread. The weather continues cold which is favorable, but very unfavorable for poor stock of which many are dying.

The Board have not granted the addition to my appropriation which was asked. I am sorry for this as it will make me more burdensome to my church here.

Let us hear how you are succeeding in money matters.

Your fellow servant,
Geo. Ainslie.

Rochester, Minn., April 29, 1867.

Rev. Thomas L. Janeway, D. D.,
Sec. Board of Home Missions,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother:

My commission with your remarks appended came to hand Saturday morning. I was preparing to start for a distant appointment to preach. My horse being on the infirm list for a day or two, I was musing whether I must walk or indulge in the luxury of a livery hack. Your letter quickly decided the question. And now having returned from my walk of near 40 miles, holding services yesterday at two places, I must walk over the charges laid against me by your letter. Your statements took me completely by surprise. If there is any part of my labor in which I take special pride, it is in setting forth the duty of giving. And yet you say "we hear you are reluctant to urge". The charge went to the heart like a dagger. Who has informed you I know not, but this I know, he is sadly ignorant of the situation & facts of the case. This also I know it could not be Bro. Jackson for most times when I applied to him to write for my commissions, he has urged me to apply for larger appropriations, asserting that I needed more than the sum for which I asked, urging also that others more favorably situated were receiving more. You, I think, know my situation here. Three years ago I was the sole & settled pastor of the Roch. Ch. The Ch. feeble when I came to it was growing fast & the people were

united & liberal in my support. But as the Ch. enlarged it claimed the whole of my time & I grieved that I could do nothing for the wide region around me 20 miles on every side. I called a meeting of the Ch. & asked my people to allow me to call in Bro. Jackson to assist me. After much urging they consented. He also consented & came with the understanding that we would divide the work & support as nearly equal as possible. We have slowly changed from this till now he has nearly all the pastoral work of the Ch. & I mostly the work of an Evangelist. I am still Pastor of the Ch. Last year the Trustees asked me to state how much I wanted from them for my support. I named the sum. They paid it cheerfully. They will do the same this year. Since I have burdened them with the support of another man, I dare not ask them a large sum. There is no room for "urging" here. Indeed I have wondered much where I have any room to urge. Saturday when I had walked a few miles, revolving the matter sadly in my own mind, I stopped into a house to rest. An aged member of my Church, a woman of more than 60 yrs., toiling as a hired servant for her support & just now in danger of losing the 2 or 300\$ she had saved from her earnings & laid by for old age, as I was leaving to resume my journey handed me a \$5 bill, saying "please Sir, accept this mite, I have saved it for you". Jenny, I replied, "I cannot take this, you cannot just now afford it." "But I must give it sir, I can na' help it" & looking in her face I saw her eyes filling with tears at the thought I would refuse her gift. And this is not an exceptional case, but the common rule with all the families or persons to whom I look for support. If it were left to me to ask from each person the sum I thought he ought to give, I would in most cases, ask less than is actually given. In most cases I have rather to restrain than to "urge". At Stewartville, of which Ch. I am not stated supply, but only provisional, until a stated supply can be obtained, my elder, the only able man in the Ch., & who last year was almost ruined by a series of heavy losses, gave me last year \$20, & at least 3 weeks board for self & horse, as good as \$50 in all. A farmer in debt, with nine children to maintain & without a comfortable home or means to get one gives \$10. A widow toiling every day to support herself & family gives \$5. Another aged widow weaving for a support, gives \$5. All without urging. Some members of the Ch. are so poor through the war tax & no crops they cannot buy clothing & so stay

away from Ch. Some come clothed in patches from head to foot. They give a little, can I urge them to give much. When the minutes are published, you will see I think that Stewartville has in proportion of members, given more to the Pds. than any other Ch. in our Presbytery. Have you any such giving in Phila? In two neighborhoods between Stewartville & Rochester, where I occasionally preach on my way back & forth, they last year in Feb. made me a donation & it was the largest donation ever given to any minister in this region. It was their wish to make another this year, but as money is not to be had, they propose postponing it till after harvest. In another neighborhood where are 3 Pres. families surrounded by Catholics & where I preach as often as I find time, which is not often, they furnished for 3 years past the horse I have used & now propose to give the horse, worth say \$130, besides which they have during that time given in money something over \$60. These families are not rich, one of them having 7 children, live in a log house of one room not more than 12 ft. sq. Any need to urge them? I have never asked them for a cent. I have been under necessity of supplying Ashland part of the time. They have a regular subscription list & give so much per Sab. to their supply. Their crops being a total failure they are in arrears to me, but acknowledge the debt & will pay if their next harvest be good. Last summer the elders wrote to me that if I would consent to be their S. S. they could easily double their subscription. No need for me to "urge" them. The other portion of my field are the new points where Chs. have been recently organized. It will not do at the very first to speak of support. Just as soon as possible I have given these Chs. over to the care of others, generously relinquishing all they owed to me over to him who came after me. This I will do in every such case. Now my work for this year is not as commission states "S.S. of Stewartville & Draper Valle". Bro. Jackson has erred in such statement. If the Rock River R. R. is carried west my work will be first to occupy points on that road adjacent to Stewartville, so as to form a good compact field for one man. 2nd, to explore as far as possible the large unoccupied region north of me, a region more than 40 miles E. & W., by 20 miles N. & S., which is fast filling up & will doubtless furnish some available points for building Chs. Draper valley is a mere problem yet. It is mainly Cong. & I will occupy it & organize there only on the condition of the Cong. ists. joining in.

The Pres. there are members of our R. Ch. & can attend there. The greater part of my work therefore will, for at least 6 months, furnish me with no support whatever. I therefore if --- reported me aright asked for an additional \$50 for 6 months hoping that a more favorable harvest would enable my people to do more for me in the fall.

It is therefore no small grief to me that on the report of some unknown accuser, I am pronounced delinquent, when I know that I am innocent. If I differ at all from my brethren on the subject of giving, the difference is this; I take a higher stand in regard to the duty. I call it worship and constantly teach that the true Christian will give just as surely as he will pray. That as worships the act of almsgiving is as sacred as the act of prayer, & may not be consistently enjoined with frivolity & mirth. I am therefore from principle opposed to all Church festivals &c. as composing one of the important parts of God's worship. I am not writing to change the decision of the Executive Committee in regard to the appropriation. By denying myself as I did on Saturday, what most would consider necessary, I can get along on the appropriation given. But I must clear myself of scandal. I must have a clear commission or none. If the work Pres. has marked out for me is not in your estimation important then you are free to say so, free indeed to recall my commission. God willing I can easily find a support. But do not, dear sir, charge me with a serious offense, & endorse that offense on my commission before you afford me an opportunity to defend myself. It is bad enough to be accused, but to be condemned without a hearing & disciplined without a trial, for if I understand you right, you say that "the amount held back" is thus held back because of the "mistake" is too hard to bear-- Or if it is so, as you obscurely hint, that the Bd. can no longer sustain its missionaries, then I ought to know it plainly, for we are just now urging several young men to enter the field assuring them that the Bd. will sustain them. They had better not come, if to come is to meet disappointment. It is plain that I have written under the impulse of strong feeling. I have toiled hitherto with much pleasure because I had as I thought the entire confidence of the Bd. The intimation that I have not your entire confidence is reason for strong feelings for it at once destroys all the enjoyment arising from the relation. I trust therefore you will sympathize with me in this & considering the facts I have here laid before you

remove the charge you have laid against me.
Yours very truly,
Geo. Ainslie.

(A true copy.)

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I received your letter of the 1st Dec. on the 15th of that month. Do not think from the length of time I have allowed to pass since its receipt that I was not both gratified and interested that you should have taken the trouble to write and send me the view of your church and parsonage, or manse is more Presbyterian. Will you take the trouble to write me again and tell me any thing interesting about your church and congregation. Tho I have now retired into obscurity, no longer the wife of an influential pastor, but my entire circle of duties lies within my daughters family, I am contented and happy.

I have two little granddaughters, and am always very busy. I am, however, much interested in all church matters. Will you be kind enough to tell me what Mr. Mercer is doing, if still useful & active. When we first came to live here we found there was nothing like missionary boxes connected with the church, and commenced a private one which we intended to send to you to do what you thought best with it, but we found it so expensive to send that we were obliged to distribute our things nearer home.

How near is your place to Saint Paul. I am much pleased to see by the Observer how much interest on religious subjects there has been in all parts of the country, even Saint Paul.

My sisters spent the winter at the south, but are now returning home.

Yours very truly in Christ,
Matilda R. Potts.

May 7th, 1867.

Newark, May 11th, 1867.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

In response to your reply to Mr. Allings letter of inquiry, the ladies Sewing Society of the 3rd Presbyterian Church of this city have forwarded a small box of clothing to your address, in part, as you suggested for Mr. Yotte. It was thought safest to send the freight money to you, but the exact sum required could not be ascertained, they said but little more than three dollars. I also send in another envelope the receipt of the box by the express company.

Enclosed in this is \$11. please use what is requisite for the freight & the remainder, can be used toward making the suit of clothes for Mr. Yotte. I also send a note to Mrs. Jackson stating what the ladies designed for Mr. Yotte. Your friend, Mr. Isaac Alling & wife have gone to Washington, D. C.

Please accept the kindest wishes of the ladies whom I represent for yourself & family.

Very truly yours,
E. Tunis, Sec.

My address is, Miss E. Tunis,
82 Orchard St.
Newark, N. Y.

We shall be very glad to know when the box & this letter are received.

Rochester, June 18, 1867.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours was received to-day. The articles of which we speak are not here except the cups and saucers. My impression is that Mrs. Elder took them over there. She said they were for Mr. P. I was not aware that Mr. Andrews had not paid you until yesterday. I took it for granted that he had, until I happened to refer to the matter. He said you left sooner than he was expecting, and he has been waiting until he could arrange some other matter, when he should write to you. He said that he would send it soon. If he does not I will try to get the money and send it. My freight bill was \$108. The River Company charged me \$48 from La Cross to Winona. All

the R. Rs. charged only half rates. I was so hurried I could not
 send dollars at the bank to pay it. If therefore I should be
 prompt in money matters as could be desired, you will understand
 stand the cause. We are only partially settled on. I have
 been so engaged in household affairs that I have had little
 opportunity yet to do more for the church than pray on the
 Sabbath. Mrs. Conkling died last week. She is still in a
 critical state. The prospect of her recovery is very
 encouraging. Others are in usual health except Mr. [Name]
 who has been on his knees for two or three weeks. I will
 and Mr. Cook, who has had bad health for some time. I
 will. I am glad to hear that you have had a good
 May the Lord bless you abundantly in your work.
 My love to Mrs. [Name] and best wishes to all.

Yours friend,
 J. S. Kilmer.

Pliny, Oct 1840

Rev. Stephen Jackson,
 Dear Sir:

Dr. Parton writes regarding [Name] that you
 you he address, as you keep of several [Name] and
 need help with winter. As I have not as much [Name]
 money as you, I fear you may have some [Name]
 address. I do not know of such like [Name] in
 any other way [Name] would be able to [Name]
 their destination in good season. If you [Name]
 to let me hear from you as soon as possible, you will
 a great favor. Please give us the name and [Name]
 and also any advice you may feel necessary as to what
 be best to send and how needed. We [Name]
 more than one family, but I [Name] and [Name]
 always think it is preferable to [Name] rather
 rather than two poorly. But you can do so [Name]
 manner by being near a [Name] which will [Name]
 prevent us from sending useless articles which [Name]
 not absolutely necessary. We usually [Name] and
 or comforts and material for winter [Name]
 not make up clothing as so much is wanted in [Name]
 beside [Name] our box too large. We [Name]
 we can venture to do.

your health is improved, and your work prosperous.

Yours truly,

Wm. R. Janeway.

Oct. 17th, 1867.

Rev'd. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Friend:

I thank you for your prompt attention to the wants of beloved Missionaries who are bearing the trials and sorrows of pioneer work in Minnesota.

I had a letter from Rev'd. D. C. Lyon informing me that as district missionary for Minnesota, he would meet with cases to which he would, if requested, refer to me. When you meet if you could confer together we would supply such as are most in need of clothing.

Our sewing circle, commenced their operations in November. For a few weeks we supply clothing to our Sabbath school children. Many garments we are required to make up. Some seasons our home work occupies us three months.

It is very seldom that our boxes are ready to send away until March or April. Our funds are not collected and notes in part yet has been purchased for us to commence. The persons who recommend require immediate attention to their wants, and as you say we greatly prosper in work for Missionaries with families. We can accomplish so much more through our Sabbath schools. We have many children of Ch. members in our Schools.

Our great difficulty is doing the work at once. Shall I inquire if any of the churches can go to work now or can they wait until we can do it? We have often inquired at the Board of Missions, when we were told they were not prepared to furnish letters until they received reports in the Spring. I am again appointed to take charge of the work and will promise to do what I can to further that which is of so much importance in the extension of the Church of Christ in the great West.

With Christian regards to Mrs. Jackson. I am with respect,
Hetty M. Newkirk.

Albany, N. Y.,
Oct. 23d, 1867.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I have time to write but a line or two. I cannot say what we will be able to do about the \$200. for the Austin Mission. The teachers of the Sabbath School have that matter under consideration. But I am requested by the ladies of my congregation to ask you for the name, address, physical dimensions, family (number, sex, & size) & general wants of the most needy missionary in your Bieropic(?) A fat box will be sent, I think, at your direction, containing clothing, etc.

Please write immediately. We remember you generally in the congregation, and frequent prayers, I know, are offered for the success of the Church in your field.

Very truly, your brother in Christ,
James M. Ludlow.

821 Chest. St., Phila.
Oct. 23, 1867.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Having no ink at hand, you will excuse the use of a pencil. Your letter was received the day after I had addressed the Sixth Church of this city on the subject of Domestic Missions. The ladies who were present proposed making up a box, and I have put the letters received from you into the hands of a very dear friend, Mrs. W. S. Boyd, 334 Spruce St., who will give immediate attention to its contents. The Sixth Church is not wealthy, but I think they will furnish Bro. V. with the articles enumerated.

I have told Mrs. Boyd to have the box marked via Chicago & Prairie du Chien. If I have erred in this direction please write Mrs. B. the correct address.

I expect to leave the city in a week, but hope to return to the Pres. Convention on the 6th prox.

May you, my dear brother, have much comfort and success in your work. Remember me very kindly to Bro. Faries, whom I love in the truth, assure him of my sympathy with him in his affliction, and remembrance of him and his family in my prayers.

Fraternally yours,
Robert B. Sample.

Oct. 29, 1867.

Dear Bro. Lyon:

I inclose a list of wants &c. If I have exceeded proper bounds in any thing please curtail. If the friends appealed to, feel able & desirous to give a little air of refinement to our home, there is a considerable opening in that direction. For example 2 or 3 spreads or covers for parlor tables, Melodeon &c. Some little rugs or other coverings for the floor of the prophets chamber & other rooms. Our parsonage will probably be sold to help pay for the Church (or school house if the cong. can reach that) & we shall probably build a dwelling next spring. If the Congregational chh. is able & willing, a parlor carpet would be highly acceptable. But unless the chh. is rarely generous, do not propose that. But if I open a school & have one or two young lady teachers at our house, our wants will enlarge in the direction I am now indicating.

Our school house is to be plastered in November & the church in April. Do what you can in regard to a teacher for us. If we should make a little occasion of opening our new school house for worship, about Dec. 1st, could you spend a few days with us? We would have communion & meeting for several evenings.

Fraternally,
Charles Thayer.

New York, Oct. 29, 1867.

Dear Bro.:

Your favor of 23d is at hand. I am greatly obliged to you for the interest and progress in my behalf. I am not, I trust, insensible to their value. I regret that your trials are so multiplied and your care for the churches so heavy. I earnestly hope that help will arrive to you from some quarter. I am myself unable to assist you owing to a variety of causes of embarrassment.

As to Miss Chapin's act. I find that you are mistaken as to the bill for sixty-six dollars as I sent to you a check dated March 8/67 for that amount, which I suppose liquidated that bill for Ap. 1st the amount being equal, and on the 29th of Oct. /66 I sent you a check for \$88 for the fall session of that year.

I now enclose to you a check for \$88 as in full of your bill of Oct. 23/67.

I regret very much that I am unable to respond to the touching appeal you make in behalf of the missionaries, but unhappily such is the case at present.

Yours truly,

Wm. R. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Rochester, Minnesota.

Phila., Pa., October 31, 1867.

Rev. & Dear Sir:

I now have the pleasure of enclosing to your order a check for thirty dollars to procure a Buffalo coat for the missionary you mentioned in your letter to our friend, Mr. Sample, who left the letters you wrote to him, also to say the Buf. is now in the hands of the Ladies of our church. I did not know the name of the missionary that needed the coat. You will therefore endorse & send him the check and acknowledge receipt of same to Mrs. Wm. S. Boyd, 334 Spruce St. I have sent a check thinking it would be safer and no doubt it can be used as well.

Yours Wm. S. Boyd.

Check endorsed on Corn Exchange National Bank of Phila.
\$30.

Mrs. Wm. S. Boyd.
334 Spruce St.
Phila.

216 Madison Ave.,

New York, Nov. 4, 1867.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I have received your esteemed letters of 19 March and 25 October, also the two reports of the Board of Education. I am surprised to learn of the failure of the wheat crops in your section, and the distress brought upon many in consequence. The impression here is, that the harvests gen-

erally at the west were very abundant the past season. I will hand your letter to some of my friends and see what can be done for the relief of your missionary brethren. In the meantime I enclose you as my donation, my check on Union Nat. Bank to your order for two hundred (\$200) dollars and in the course of a few days will send you by express a small package of clothing for distribution among the missionary families. The Dorcas Society of the Brick Church will hold their first meeting this week, when I will present the ladies your letter. I notice that the Rev. D. C. Lyon has removed from Winona to your place to act as district missionary. What does it mean?

Yours very sincerely,
H. K. Corning.
J.W.L.C.

Phila., Nov. 4th, 1867.

Rev'd. S. Jackson,
My dear Sir:

I received a letter from you last week, and now write to say we commence our Dorcas Society to-day, when I hope to be able to work for two or three missionaries whose names you sent us.

I applied to some of the ladies of Dr. Beadles Church to take one or more families. They meet on Wednesday to determine what they will do. Our home work is quite a good deal. We supply our poor who are Church members and destitute children connected with our S. School, amounting to several hundred garments.

I intend to make a strong appeal on behalf of the missionaries you represent and will as soon as practicable report to you the result. It is a source of mortification to me to know that worthy men, devoted servants of Christ, are not abundantly provided for by the Churches at home. My heart is in the work, and if my husband's feeble health will admit of it, I intend to work industriously in the cause. We send Pulpit Bibles and Bibles for Sabbath Schools when they are needed. We need interesting incidents connected with the schools when they can be furnished us, as the children and youth of our S. S. are co-workers with us. They furnish the garments we send to children and the Library books for-

warded in each box.

With kind remembrances to Mrs. Jackson, Rev'd. Mr. Lyons family and other friends.

I am with much respect,
Mrs. M. Newbirk.

215 Madison Ave., N. Y.,
Nov. 26, 1867.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I wrote you on the 4th inst. enclosing a check for (\$200) two hundred dollars. I forwarded a small trunk today, containing sundry articles of clothing, books, etc., which please distribute as needed to some of your missionary families. I should have been glad to send a larger supply but there is always a large demand here, in our family for such articles.

I enclose the express receipt and key of the trunk.

Yours very truly,
H. K. Cordier.
E. B. C.

Austin, Nov. 27, 1867.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your draft for one hundred dollars several days since, and draft for one hundred and fifty, and personal check for fifty, came to hand in due time, the latter Monday.

I will send you acknowledgments to return to donors probably Friday. Unless you have before now been in a very tight place, you cannot understand my feelings when I opened your letters, and the remittances appeared. But, adieu to that by and bye.

The box came yesterday, an excellent one, rich and appropriate. Your package will be forwarded the first opportunity.

Mrs. M. will go to Ind. and Cincinnati as soon as possible, in a few days.

In haste,
Fraternally yours,
H. A. Mathew.

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Brooklyn, Nov. 8, 1867.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Friend:

Your letter was duly received, and enclosed you will find a certified check on the Fulton National Bank for two hundred dollars. Mrs. Millard was very thankful for Daisy's likeness. We are in usual health.
Yours respectfully,
John Millard.

Brooklyn, Nov. 9th, 1867.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I was thinking of you, & of writing to know of your prospects & affairs, but a few days previous to receiving yours of Oct. 30, I had been away from home 2 months & returning Oct. 1st, found lots to do, & though in fine health, work wearying me very much, which I must now expect, but your letter has good on my jaded energies. To begin, Mrs. Viele has lost her property & is living in the country. Mrs. Trask responded nobly \$30. & clothing. I conclude to collect a box of clothing for you to distribute. Mrs. Trask's \$30 is for your friend (please give me his name) who rowed 16 miles in a skiff to preach to a few people in a school house. I thought it might be Mr. Ainslie.

I wrote to Bro. Rockwell that I had received a letter from you, which I wished to lay before him, & consult what we could do (unless he had heard from you on the subject) to relieve our Minnesota missionaries. He has not yet replied. My plan was to have them send you a box of clothing. I am collecting for that purpose what I can, & as the 2d Pres. Cn. pulpit has been pronounced vacant by Presbytery, I can get something there. Shall get what money I can beside. Please send me names at once of those who need, & whether money or clothing, & I will see what doors God will open. Pray on, ask great things. He loves to give. O, for faith to believe it when He tells us so.

Of course you have written many friends beside us. Please let me know, & what your expectations are. Do not forget to send me the account of your Conference for prayer-union of course.

Mr. Trask's family & my niece send kindest regards to

Mrs. J. & yourself. Marie Trask is to be married the 1st of Jan. to a Rev. Mr. Holiday, (Pres. O. S.) settled up the North River somewhere back of Newburg. He was, I think, from Illinois.

I must stop, have another letter to write this evening.

With love for both,

Yours in Christ,

S. M. G. Merrill.

Do let me hear from you at once.

Brocklyn, Nov. 14, 1867.

My dear Brother:

Will you at your earliest convenience give me the necessary statistics by which our ladies may advisedly furnish a missionary box for your field of labor? What families of missionaries are most needy? What their ages, sizes, sex, &c.? Our ladies sewing circle want to begin to get a box ready immediately. I read your appeal through Mr. Merrill; it touched all hearts. God help you, open your way before you. Please write me at once. Excuse haste.

Truly yours,

J. E. Rockwell.

216 Madison Ave., New York,
Nov. 18th, 1867.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

My dear Sir:

I have received your letters of 11th & 12th inst. and note their contents.

I have shown your previous letter to some of my friends, but have succeeded only in collecting the enclosed check for \$100, from my neighbor Mr. L. N. Phelps. It is on the Mercantile Bank and endorsed payable to your order. I should be glad to do more for you, but it does not seem to be practicable.

I should think the best plan, is for you to make direct appeals to your friends in this section. The ladies of the Brick Church, I believe propose to send you a box of clothing, if you are in need of it, for distribution.

Mr. Carter told me, that the ladies of the Scotch Church contemplated doing the same thing, so that I presume you will have a good supply. It seems to me rather singular that Mr. Lyon's church being out of debt, the people could not afford him a support and also that of the Board of Missions cannot support their missionaries. Why should they incur the expense for a special superintendent? There is little encouragement in contributing to build churches at the West, which when done, are frequently unable to support a pastor. I have heard of several instances of this result. Please make such use as you think proper of the trunk sent you, after disposing of its contents. I will bear your case in mind and remain,

Yours very truly,
H. K. Corning.
E. B. C.

Rochester, N. Y.,
Nov. 18, 1857.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother in Christ:

By a vote of our Sabbath School, it was decided to send you, for the Austin Missionary field, \$150, all the funds in the treasury of the school. Enclosed you will please find a draft to that amount. Perhaps I acted a little hastily in pledging the school to furnish \$200, for the good and worthy object presented in your letter, and in which you enlisted my interest and sympathies so much when you addressed the few in our little chapel on your visit in Rochester. I was hardly authorized to guarantee any large sum of money, as a Sunday School, for any needful and benevolent religious object, not being delegated with such authority, but as an individual member of the Sabbath School, I was glad to give a promise that you should have the moneyed assistance asked for, to build up, sustain and carry forwards the great and blessed work in the large and important field, which you so interestingly presented for our consideration and co-operation. It seemed to me that our donations, if we had any to give, could not be better expended than for the benefit of the cause you represented. I thought the school would regard it in that light too, and so they did, but I must say,

that some expressed the opinion, that the subscriptions and donations of the Sunday School, for missionary work, ought to be appropriated as directed by the Board of Home Missions. In consideration of my promise, however, the school, as before observed, voted to send the enclosed amount for the object specified in your letter. It is all the funds, the school now has. It is given with a willing heart, and with earnest prayer to God that it may help and advance His name and Church, and redound to His glory. I cannot say what action the school will take in future in regard to the Austin field. I do not feel at liberty to pledge its action for further donations in behalf of the same good work, although the school may be desirous of making the enterprise its special charge, as in Rochester. Your letter interested the scholars exceedingly, and you and the faithful men of God, to your hard and self-denying labors to organize and build up churches and Sunday Schools in your growing and enterprising State, have their sympathies and fervent prayers. May God raise up help, the help of men and money, for the cause of Christ's church and kingdom in the West.

Very truly, your brother in Christ,
Geo. Brock.

New York, Nov. 18th, 1867.

Rev. Mr. Jackson:

The Dorcas Society of the Brick Church (Drs. Spring & Murray) are desirous of making up a box for the family of one of our Home Missionaries, who are always needy, I believe. I heard through Mr. H. K. Corning, that you were acquainted with the circumstances of several. Could you furnish us with their address, and then we will make a selection. We would particularly like to assist a family where there are small children. I shall be obliged to write to the Mission family selected & get the number in the family & their directions. I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as possible, as we would like to send the box before Christmas. We made a box for Rev. Mr. Ainslie three years since & have had very interesting letters from Mrs. Ainslie. I think they are not far from you.

Excuse the trouble I give you, & believe me, yours,

P. A. Lathrop. Secy. of the Dorcas Society.

Please address Mrs. P. A. Lathrop, Care of Moses Allen,
220 W. 38th St., N. Y.

Brocklyn, Nov. 21, 1867.

Dear Brother Jackson:

Yours of the 15th was received this afternoon & I was just prepar'd to remit you a check for ninety dollars, which please use as your judgment directs, not forgetting my friend Sheldon Jackson, who is inclined to put himself behind all the brethren. I recall what I proposed, or, rather Mrs. T. did, in reference to her thirty dollars. You who are on the spot know best how to appropriate our gifts. From the 2d Pres. Ch. I have no expectation of getting a penny, not being acquainted with the few remaining members, save A. B. Baylis, with whom I may communicate by letter. I went to Carters yesterday to enquire if they were to send Books to Minnesota, they replied in the negative. I wanted a chance for my clothing as last year, not getting a reply from Dr. Rockwell I went to his house. He was out but I saw Mrs. R. She said Mr. R. had received my note. I spoke to her of their getting up a box for Minnesota. She said their sewing Soc. had just come together, & she presumed they would be happy to do so. I left your letter for Mr. R. to use & requesting her to return it when done with. After five days it was returned without any note as I had expected. He is overwhelmed with duties, but surely ought to have taken some notice of my efforts. What does it mean? Perhaps you know. You wish to know the donors through me, Mrs. Trask \$30, Mrs. Wyckoff \$5, Mr. John McKoy \$5, Mrs. E. Merrill, \$50.

I beg of you not to require any one to write as you proposed, but you can write Mrs. Trask on receipt of check instead of myself. Presently I can give a little more if needed, but I hope your appeals may be so responded to as to meet the case. Pray on. God will hear your cry, & send relief. How is Bro. Ainslie getting along? & Bro. Lyon? Please tell me.

I shall be anxious to know of your progress in collecting funds, &c. Eliza joins me in love to Mrs. J. & yourself. Kisses for the children.

Mrs. Eli Merrill.

Albany, Nov. 21st, 1867.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

At your suggestion, we have included a package for the Rev. J. L. Gage, in the box forwarded this day to Rev. D. C. Lyon. As I do not know Mr. Gage's address, if you will forward the enclosed letter you will greatly oblige, your sincere friend, and well-wisher,

Mrs. Wm. Wendell.

Pittsburg, Nov. 21st.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Friend:

We have sent to-day a box to Rev. H. A. Mayhew in which is a package of broad cloth for a suit for yourself which you will please accept from our society and also the \$20 enclosed to assist in the making up. We are very glad you mentioned it, and send both with much pleasure.

The box has been detained a week later than we hoped to send it, by several circumstances beyond our control, but it is now about starting, and we hope in less than a week will reach its destination safely. I received a very interesting letter from Rev. D. C. Lyon, thanking us for the \$30, and asking permission to give the money toward the support of some needy brethren, but our ladies would not consent as the money had been given by a few for the overcoat and they thought he ought to have it, so I wrote to him to that effect. I presume he needs it as much as any other person near him. I suppose it would do to send your package in this box as you did not say anything against it in your letter.

With kindest regards from all your friends here, I am,
Truly your friend,

M. T. Murphy.

Brooklyn, Nov. 23th, 1867.

Dear Brother Jackson:

After mailing the check for you I told Eliza what I said about asking for anything of members of the 2d Pres. Ch. She said I was wrong. She was thinking of making a move for a

box there, but was puzzled in regard to starting. I gave her your letter to take down yesterday, & consult with a trustee. He concluded to carry it before the Session, Wednesday evening. The ladies spoken to are warmly in favor of acting, & so my articles will go with theirs, no doubt. Has Dr. Rockwell written you? A lady wishes to send her Observer to some Clergyman who needs it. Can you name one? Do you suppose the Congregational clergyman you named one year needs a box this? Dr. Buddingtons people, if applied to, might send one.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Jackson & yourself, in haste,

Yours in Christ,

S. M. G. Merrill.

331 Clermont Ave.

I take the family Visitor, shall I send it to you to use. It is admirably edited by a friend of mine. If you take it I will send elsewhere. Mrs. Wyckoff sends the Intelligence as she gets a chance to take them to the P. Office.

New York, Nov. 25th, 1867.

My dear Friend:

I suppose you think I am long in answering your letter, but the truth is, I have found it so hard to get the little that I am able to send you. Everything is down, business is in such a state, there is no money to be had, and those who have been in the habit of giving have done all they can. The things are from Mr. and Mrs. Taber, and the 50 dollars from a friend of mine, Miss Morse. Will you please let me know if you receive it. I will not write any more at this time.

Yours affectionately,

F. S. Phillips.

Nov. 27th, 1867.

Rev'd. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I have just received your letter dated Nov. 19th.

I must make you acquainted with our present position in regard to our Missionary work. We received three letters from missionaries whose families we have worked for heretofore,

who have large families asking for help. A missionary in Iowa for whom we made up a box of clothing last year wrote asking us to do the same for a friend of his in Pawnee City. Another in Missouri for whom we had worked, made an application for a friend of his making 5 missionary families to be supplied. Dr. Breed sent a sixth application to me for a clergyman in Charlotte, N. C. which I sent to the ladies of Rev. Mr. Conklings Ch. I have not as yet received their answer.

The Rev'd. Mr. Vawter's letter was sent to Bath, N. Y., to a Ch. which made application to our Pastor for a family to work for. Rev'd. A. L. Thomson, was sent to Dr. Jacobus with the letter from Pawnee City. Dr. J. is a Professor in the Seminary at Alleghany, and is also pastor of a Ch. He promised to take care of the two we are sewing for, Rev'd. N. L. Craven and Rev'd. J. S. Reed.

Dr. McIlvaine of Princeton College has promised to see that the 2nd Church take up one. I want to see that one of the large families to provide for and keep two of them for ourselves, with those I have named, making four for us to work for at present.

I shall expect to hear from you again in respect to the single gentlemen, if I am to send to one or both. Mary Lyon has been sick and for a time looked badly. She is now convalescent. I would gladly work, instant or season and out of season, if I could accomplish for missionaries what they are so greatly entitled to, all the comforts we can give them.

With christian regards to Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Lyons and family, I am,

Respectfully your friend,
H. M. Newark.

In haste.

Kilbourn, Nov. 25, 1841.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

I wrote to J. Stuart Reed to enquire if he needs clothing. He writes that he does, but that he gave his name & wants to you at Synod, & not having heard from you since don't know whether to expect anything, and fears delicacy about writing to you. Please let me know by return mail whether you have any arrangement for supplying him.

Tell Bro. Lyon that I have just found out by accident that the Board has not commissioned D. B. Jackson for want of funds, Jackson all these 3 months being at work. I have written to Dr. Janway & a member of the Board on the subject, & have written to W. C. Harding that if the Board don't commission Jackson I will undertake to raise the funds by personal application. Also that D. B. Jackson writes me that Sec. H. R. Wilson, Jr., is up there with a pair of horses, has been Sab. School miss^y & that they think (Harding & D. B. Jackson) of keeping him there this winter, that Jackson & Wilson would settle at Kingston & preach at various places, his field, (Diamond Lake or Harrison) among others, Jackson to share his miss. funds with Wilson if the B'd. would not commission Wilson. I wrote Jackson advising him to consult with Bro. Lyon. Also that I have written to Elder Blackman recommending to Winona Ch. Rev. W. O. Campbell of Depere, one of the finest preachers we have. He is afraid of sore throat at Depere and, I fear, indisposed to settle down in a small place. So, lest we should lose him, I recommend him to Winona.

Yours truly,

Stewart Mitchell.

Austin, Minn.,

Nov. 29, 1857.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

The draft for \$100, from the Rochester, N. Y. S. S., is received. You have been in many a tight place since you came to Minn., and can appreciate my feelings of relief and thankfulness. "Thank God", burst involuntarily from my lips, and a great load rolled off me instantly.

It is due to you, who have taken so great an interest in our field, as well as through you to the kind donors, that I make a somewhat minute statement as to Austin, and my labors here.

Austin you know is and is to be a very considerable Rail Road center. The Minnesota Central from Minneapolis to Austin was completed about eight weeks ago; the McGregor Western from McGregor, Iowa, to Austin, was finished some months since. A road from St. Louis is being built and will no doubt be completed next year. The Omaha and Wabasha through Austin will be built, putting Omaha in connection with lumber regions.

The Southern Minnesota from LaCrescent West through this town is coming, slowly but surely.

Two pretty good mill streams Cedar & Turtle Rivers afford very considerable water power. Two good mills for grinding wheat, and a large woollen factory about to be commenced. The site for a town is, as you know, a delightful one, and the country well adapted to farming purposes. Besides, it always was a center. Every road and trail centre here.

When I came here last spring at the earnest request of Presbytery, and of yourself personally, I found, upon canvassing the town, about six hundred and fifty inhabitants. The number increased slowly during the summer; but when the first R. R. was completed, the gates were hoisted, and people poured in. Business houses, some of them good ones, dwellings, some fine, others medium, and others common, spring up everywhere, and the churches are being built. The Baptists and Methodists each had Ch. edifices, (the R. Catholics also). Those now building are the Congregationalists, the Episcopalians, & ourselves.

When we came to Austin in April last, we found no Presbyterians outside of other organizations. A few were in the Cong. Ch. & a very few in the Methodist. I commenced preaching in school house. The first few Sabbaths were very rainy ones, and our services were necessarily held at 5 o'clock p.m. We began with 2 hearers, & did our own singing. Little by little our congregation increased. A choir was organized. We moved the first of June into the Methodist Ch., but had services at same hour. By middle of July choir pronounced best in town, & congregation good. Sabbath School organized--about 30, Bible class taught by myself, catechism taught, Visitor and Foreign Missionary, besides Child's Paper, Temperance Banner, Messenger, and numerous tracts of our Board distributed to school and to others. Church organized in August with 4 members, two of them members of my own family. Elected trustees (3) in September. Several of them are active business men, but not one of them a communicant.

The necessity of having a house of our own was patent. Presbytery recommended us to Board for \$1000, a large sum considering the size we proposed to build. Synod endorsed and urged the appropriation, as well as many influential brethren in Minn. The Board, impressed with the importance of the field, granted us \$700, though the applications exceeded their funds more than \$50,000.

How to build with that appropriation was the question. Oh, how earnestly did we plead with God for help. Our appro-

Florence Metz.

tribution from the Board is not payable till January. How could we get money to buy lumber, stones, &c., and set the workmen to work. Mrs. H. sold a piece of property, the gift of her father, at some discount for cash and we had means to purchase the lumber in Minneapolis. The trustees had managed to secure the lot--\$350. We expected the lumber in a few days, & the trustees said to me, "We will try to put up the underpinning, but cannot raise money to pay freight; the people have been born a to death by the other churches, it is no use to ask them to give." I asked God to give us money to pay freight. In a few hours, I had more than \$100 given in sums of 25. each more or less. Then a good brother fifty miles away sent fifty dollars for present use, which he had promised to give toward a bell. The freight is paid; the lumber hauled to the ground. The underpinning completed (I had to pay about \$45 toward it from the \$50 last mentioned); the contract for inclosing the building, laying floor, and seating is let at reasonable figures, and the work being pushed vigorously forward.

The Lord is building the house, for it is clearly almost a creation. Where the money is to come from to paint, plaster, and furnish it is all in the dark; but I believe God will surely provide, by directing us to the right persons and places. And then, how he is favoring us with good weather. He will give us a home, a place we can cherish. O, our congregation need it; our Sabbath School needs it.

Our influence here under God, I think I can clearly see, is very salutary. We reach many that no others could do any thing with. I love this people, and will gladly spend my strength for their good. I know the Board of Dom. Mis. is burdened, and cannot do for us anything like what the importance of the field demands. The Ch. and S. S. requires & must always have a great deal of money to keep them running successfully. Where shall it come from, together with money for our own support. Oh, for more faith in God's promises, to provide. Our S. S. is provided for very well till spring through your efforts. The liberality of the Boards of Publication and Foreign Missions, and the kindness of the same Ch. from which the \$150 have now come towards my salary.

I laid aside this letter a few hours since under the following circumstances: A man called to sell a load of new, good lime, just what we wanted. No Ch. money. Lime, such as that, is worth 75 cts. per bushel. No one wanted lime just now. Could get it for 55 cts. Next week, probably, lime

would have to be shipped, or hauled 25 or 30 miles & would cost us 80 cts. or even more. Could I spare any of the \$150? Our wood and other winter supplies were not yet purchased. God will provide, we said; and the lime was secured - Cost \$50.

The train from the North whistles, when Lo! a letter from Bro. Jackson, covering a gift from himself, (yes, from God through him), of \$50. to our Ch. erection fund! Is it not safe, is it not blessed to trust in the Lord?

A very few years of help from friends, in the East, to Minister's salary & to Sabbath Schools, I verily believe will, under God, enable this now weak vine to become strong, - self-sustaining & scattering fruits to the famishing.

We can not help thinking sometimes about next year. Shall we be compelled to leave this highly important and interesting field next April? I hope not. Laborious and perplexing, and requiring all sorts of self-denials, I should nevertheless, regret exceedingly to have to resign this work.

God has not so signally blessed our labors & self-denials, and answered our prayers, supplied means almost mysteriously, and turned the edge of our imperfections and mistakes only to bring all to naught.

At our next Communion, one week from next Sabbath, we hope to receive several to our little flock, - some on cere. and some on ex.

Earnestly praying that God will abundantly reward you, and the kind donors in N.Y., I remain

Yours in Christ,

H. A. Mayhew.

Eyota, Dec. 2nd, 1867.

Bro. Jackson:

Yours of Nov. 20th was received to-day. The appearance of the com. was a very agreeable surprise to me. I had settled down without thinking much about it, but feeling that God would do all things well. We have great reason for thankfulness since we came to Minnesota. Truly God has led us in a way we know not of. I have felt restless sometimes, but God seems to be fixing me right here, and, I have nothing to do but to submit. I hope it is to build up His Kingdom here. Pray for us. I am happy to say that Mrs. Thomson's health is somewhat improved since I saw you last.

I have but an imperfect of what a report should be. I suppose, however, it should be a simple statement of what my work has been during the quarter for which I report. If you

come to see me this week, come before Thursday, as I go that day to Plainview, to hold preparatory services for com. Expect Mr. Gage to be with me.

Your Bro.,
A. L. Thomson.

P. S. When you come down can't you bring Mrs. J. with you, the babies too. Mrs. T. is out calling this even. or she would send regards.

A. L. T.

I want to buy some cheap Hymn books. Do you know where I can get them? Will write tonight to Dr. E., St. Paul.

A. L. T.

3rd. I forgot last evening to say we had received a box from Ballston Spa., N. Y., containing overcoat, shawl, muslins, comforters, etc., etc. And Family commentary. &c.

Hudson, Wis., Dec. 3d, 1870.

Rev. Lion,

Dear Bro.:

I have before me a note from Bro. Jackson received yesterday. He sent my name to a church east and they had promised to send a box by mid-winter to me. He ask me if there was anything that I now pressinglly need, directing me to write you. There are many things that I mentioned a list to Bro. Jackson that I can manage to get along without until mid-winter. But there are two things I very much need now, that ought by all means to have now, that is overcoat and undershirts. If you will be kind enough to send these we will try and get along as I do not wish more than others. And you no doubt have places for all you have on hand. If you have these please send by Merchant Union Express, as I know of no other way of sending now. I will give size of overcoat below.

Yours fraternally,

Address. Jas. Stuart Reed.

Hudson, Wis.

P. S. These might be put up in a paper parcel and sent by express, will cost about 80 cts. I will pay that. If you have no overcoats on hand I will try and manage as best I can until GOD provides means or way of getting one. Size of overcoat: Breast measure 37 inches, other size in correspondence.

J. S. Reed.

Dec. 5th, 1857.

Rev'd. S. Jackson,

My dear Sir:

This day two weeks we expect to have our Boxes of clothing ready to pack up. You will be surprised perhaps at the delay. It has been unavoidable. Our people are some of them late in returning to the city in the fall. November is as early as we can begin work, and now the boxes will not be as complete as we could wish to have them.

We shall send to Rev'd. J. S. Reed, Rev'd. H. L. Craven, and the two single gentlemen. Mr. Cunningham sent his measure for boots, the other did not. Neither did they give their height. Shall we send boots? Do you think they can change them if they should misfit? I have no measurement for the ladies shoes.

Will you send your measure for pants or have the cloth? As Mr. Thomson will need clothing in the spring I presume we may leave his name with Dr. Jacobs.

I shall wait to know what I shall do in regard to Mr. Vawter.

With kind remembrance to friends in Rochester, I am,

With respect,

H. M. Newkirk.

I saw Mary Lyon this week, she is improving slowly. Please answer.

New York, Dec. 6th, 1857.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Your interesting letter of the 20th Nov. (post 20th) reached me here, being forwarded by my daughter from Schenectady. I am on a short visit here, and it will give me an opportunity of making an appeal to our University Place Church, or rather to the Dorcas of the Church in behalf of your region. I have read the letter to the secretary and she requests me to ask you to write to the Secretary and give the name of the brother whom you met at Synod, and to whom you promised a box. Say what family he has, and mention the ages, not too minutely because the churches are so often appealed to that they must be allowed to send second hand clothes, and whatever comes to hand and do the fitting as well as they can. Our ladies have heretofore sent much in new goods, but they are so high that if only new things are sent, the quan-

tity would be small. The appeal will be made next week, but it may have come too late. Please write at once without delay. I return home immediately and will get Dr. Backus to read the letter. Direct your letter here to "Miss Annie E. Strang, Sec'y. of the Ladies Benevolent Soc^y. U. P. C., No. 24 W. Tenth St., N. Y."

It gave me pleasure to hear of Mr. Mercer. Is his daughter with him, or what family has he?

Mr. Kellogg, the successor of my husband is very much liked by his people, his sermons are admirable, very earnest. He is a single man, a perfect contrast to my husband in every thing but his earnestness, and the people are becoming very much attached to him.

I have just returned from a weeks visit to my son Arthur, who is settled in Morrisania, in the "Potts Memorial Church". The new Church has only been dedicated seven months, they have a bell, an organ, and a flourishing Sabbath School. It is still sustained partly by the Board, so that he is not living in plenty and luxury. I can give him very little help, as I myself am at present obliged to use the strictest economy, having taken upon me the expense of giving my youngest son a course of engineering in Union College. Let me beg of you to add this son to your many petitioners that he may be brought to Christ. Excuse my hasty scrawl. I am so little used to the noise & bustle of a city, that I feel hurried all the time. The contrast is so great from the quiet of College Hill where we live.

With kind Christian regards, I am,
Your sister in Christ,
M. R. Potts.

Owatonna, Minn.,
Dec. 9th, 1867.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I received the overcoat on Sat. morn. The one I have suits me for mild winter weather. I shall really not need the one you sent. But I must have a much heavier one. The coat is at your service. If I get rich enough to make an addition to my library during the winter where can I purchase books to the best advantage? What discount does Carter of N. Y. make to "poor missionaries"? Our Communion season passed off pleasantly. We had no additions. I had no assistance on the Sab. & now I do not regret it. Pray for us that

we may be visited with an outpouring of the Spirit. We need it.

I hope to make you a visit sometime during the winter, perhaps about New Years. I must be with our Sabbath School on Christmas. My kind regards to Mrs. J. & all friends in R. When shall I send the overcoat?

Your Bro. in Christ,
R. H. Cunningham.

P. S. Do you remember the promise of a "book worth a dollar" you made to the scholar of our Sab. School, who would get the most new scholars during three months?

Dec. 9th, 1887.

Rev'd. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I have just rec'd. your letter of the 5th of this month. We seem to misunderstand each other. I tho' you left at my disposal the missionaries whose names you sent me, the only difficulty was the specified time the articles were needed. The young men who can be supplied in N. York will not inconvenience me in disposing of the articles made for them. We have several applications still before us. One of them is for Rev'd. Mr. Sample thro' a friend. I can send your cloth in his box or Mr. Ainslie's which will perhaps be more convenient. As I had written to you last week, that our Boxes were nearly ready to pack, I felt constrained to say, we could dispose of the articles we had made up.

In haste, with kind regards to all,

Respectfully,
H. M. Newkirk.

Austin, Minn.,
Dec. 10, 1887.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Dear Sir & Bro.:

Yours of the 30 ult. with certificate for Mrs. M., and one of same date with draft for \$100, and your own check for \$20.83 for Mr. Ullman's rent were received in due time.

I only fear you have interfered with your own convenience by advancing the \$200, which I would by no means have you do. If not, I am exceedingly glad to get the whole four hundred now. It makes us very comfortable. Mrs. M. will go on her trip in a few days, God willing. I believe God will prosper her mission. He has wonderfully answered our prayers

in reference to the Church just when we must have money. It seems that all we have to do is to ask earnestly, then look confidently, and we have what we seek.

It is good to trust God. Our workmen have the Ch. nearly enclosed. The plasterer will be at work in a few days. The weather is exceedingly favorable. I hope you received the acknowledgements for you to forward.

Truly yours,

H. A. Mayhew.

P. S. Wednesday. Mrs. Mayhew left this morning. A friend was going to Milwaukee, so she hastened off that she might have company. Pray, my dear Brother, that God will prosper her mission.

H. A. M.

South Bend, Dec. 1867.

Rev. D. C. Lyon,

Very Dear Bro.:

What purports to be my commission from the Board arrived yesterday. The application is cut down to \$350, \$150 less than asked & \$50 less than last year. It is of no use. I cannot live on it. We found it hard enough to get along to get simply food enough of the plainest sort to eat. (You know, you have been at my table, of course we tried to place the best before you) and we failed without getting into debt for it, though last year our daughters earned over a \$100 by teaching which we used all to live. This year they will be able to earn nothing, for Lizzie has just set out for Mrs. Gulloway's Seminary. By solicitations & promises I was induced to leave Kansas, where I had two congregations which had trebled in membership during my ministry there, & where we were accumulating a little property (the proceeds of my sons earnings), 5 of the best cows and 3 yearlings & 4 or 5 calves, which in a few years would have afforded us an independent competency, to come here to do a peculiar work (a work which as you are aware few men can do, because requiring preaching in two congregations & in a peculiar style) for the Board. I obeyed, trusting in the Board that we should not be left to starve. I sold out all I had & spent it all, full \$400, in removing my family hither. After coming I found my income utterly inadequate to furnish shelter & food for my family. Cambria made me a liberal offer. I knowing that the Board can't be relied on, & I am sorry to say it, but must, concluded to accept. You remonstrated. The Pres-

bytery remonstrated, promising if I stayed, I & my family would be fed--'twas all I asked. And now I am given to understand by the Board that after all these sacrifices on my part to serve the Board I must work & starve. Even what little the Church has added to my slender income, the Board has cut off. And all this without as much as asking my consent or giving me a choice in the case. I tell you it is outrageous. Are we poor missionaries nothing but helots--bound to do whatever the Board bids & paupers at the same time, to be obliged to accept just what the Board sees fit to dole out to us, & live or starve on it as it might? Are there to be no stipulations on our side? Has the Board no obligations, or has it a right to disregard, not only our feelings of self respect & self ownership, but all contracts & promises, and consult only their own will in the case? (!!)

If I had come to this field of my own accord, merely because I needed a place & couldn't get it elsewhere, and after finding the field had asked the Board for aid, the case would have been different. But you know how I came, how I was induced to stay? If the Board in its present exigency (lacking confidence in God & His Church) had delayed my commission, or explaining the case, had cut down the amount asked to \$400 or even \$400 (what it was last year, I would have tried to bear it. But to send me such a commission--to act so arbitrary a part--without a word of explanation--it wounds my moral feelings. It is conduct which would not be deemed honorable in a secular employer towards his employees.

I have never felt so bad I believe in all my life. This utter disregard of our rights, feelings. This recklessness of all obligations towards us poor missionaries, this arbitrary assuming of uncontrolled power over us, this unfair taking of advantage, the plain "We don't care if you starve" import of action, has wounded & mortified me beyond expression.

I love the missionary work, there is something Apostolic in it. And God has in a measure set the seal of His blessing on my poor labors, but oh, I do long now to be away from under this Board. I see let a poor missionary do what he will somebody will be the same. I think however the work of a Missionary in the field is far more honorable than any office connected with the Board, whatever be the salary & they never dream of cutting down the salary of such. It is outrageously humiliating. The Board has no right to treat us as helots or paupers.

I have written no less to that effect, and you have seen

my house, have been at my table. Is the house too good for a Missionary, or is my table too rich or too expensive? Such as you have seen I am content with provided I can have them without debt, but I cannot on my present income without getting in debt & that I cannot afford to do, for I will have no means to get out of it. These facts if you see fit you can state to the Board.

I have been casting about what I should do. I hate to leave here now. There is an interest at present in the Church at the Bend, and growing meetings, on the Sabbath full, crowded, deep & solemn attention, tears glistening in the eyes of "hearers of the Word only". Prayer Meetings better attended than they have been since I came here, & fervent are the prayers offered. There is a prospect of quite an accession to our membership next communion. Mrs. McGiven & her daughter among the number. Then the Hall is to be opened at Man Kato on next Sabbath week, and I know there will be no lack of a congregation, but positively I cannot stay & suffer for the want of the common necessaries of life and suffer I must on this allowance. Cambria I see is still anxious to have me at any time, & I will write them that I will be there at the end of this quarter, if the weather wont. permit the removal of my family then, that I will go in the Spring - and for my labor here in the interim, will accept what the Board will see fit to give.

This will give you, the people here, (& the Board) time to find a suitable man for the field, who will consent to be led by the Board, just as the Board pleases - which will be quite a task however, even if the Board

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Rev. J. M. Pryse.

May 15, 1867.

Bro. Jackson:

At a meeting of Trustees last evening it was unanimously urged that the dedication be on the Lord's day. Several hundred dollars must be raised, which can be done if we dedicate on Sunday, but we cannot call out the measurably indifferent business men, liberal fellows when we can get them out on week days.

We therefore decided upon appointing the service for Lord's day, the 24 inst. There are several weighty reasons

why we select that instead of a later Sabbath. If we wait we must wait many weeks as some whom we must have with us will be away.

I do hope the arrangement will not seriously discommode you. I must ask it as a personal favor that you try & have nothing keep you away.

Yours in Christ,
H. A. Mayhew.

At a Public Meeting duly called, of the Church and Congregation of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Rochester, Minn., held Dec., 1867, William Elder was called to the Chair, & F. W. Andrews appointed Secty. The object of the meeting being stated, Rev. Geo. Ainslie made some extended remarks, reviewing his past connections with the Church, from his infancy to its more mature growth, & closed by requesting the Church to unite with him, in asking Presbytery to dissolve the connections heretofore existing.

M. Baldwin offered the following resolutions which were passed unanimously.

Resolved 1st.

That we accept the resignation as Pastor, of the Rev. Geo. Ainslie, & that we unite with him in asking Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations now existing.

Resolved, that while we thus unite in petitioning Presbytery for this action on their part, we would take this opportunity as a Church and Congregation to express our gratitude to him for his self denying labors to build us up in our weakness.

3d.

Resolved, That in his faithful and laborious efforts in supplying destitute neighborhood around us with the Gospel, he has a claim upon the sympathy and gratitude of every Christian heart.

4th Resolved.

That cherishing those qualities of mind and heart that have endeared him to us, we will ever feel an interest in his future welfare & usefulness in whatever field God in His Providence may appoint him.

5th Resolved.

That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Rev. Mr. Ainslie & to the Presbytery of which he is a member.

On motions. Doctor J. S. Allen & William Elder were appointed to represent the Church and Congregation in Presbytery. Meeting then adjourned.

F. W. Andrews.
Secy.

Brooklyn, Dec. 15, 1867.

Rev. & Dear Brother:

Will you send me as soon as possible the address of any Missionary families which may need clothing? My church (Central Presb) wish to make a box immediately, & to do it properly desire size, age, sex, &c , of the family, which you think most needy. Tell me just what is wanted. I write at the suggestion of your friend, Mrs. Merrill, of the 2d Presb. Church (O. S.) I shall be happy to hear at your earliest convenience.

Truly yours,
J. E. Rockwell.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson:

Our ladies are anxious to prepare a box for some Missionary & family immediately. That there may be no delay, will you give us the name and members of the family without waiting. Please let it be one for whom we never have done for, as several in Minnesota have received from our church & a new family would interest the ladies more. We shall have one ready by the opening of navigation.

I am sorry to trouble you, but feel that you are acquainted with the wants of our ministers. Our boxes always contain mostly new clothing and very good too.

I regret my brother was obliged to leave you in your work in Minnesota. I hope his influence & labors are still felt. Our church must do the more now that he has left the field.

Let me hear from you immediately with the name & wants of the family. If you send two we can have our choice or perhaps if the wants are pressing do for two.

Yours respectfully,

Miss C. M. Condit.

Care Dr. Condit.

Oswego, Oswego Co., N. Y.

Lake City, Wed. Morn.,
Dec. 18th, 1867.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Your favor of the 16th received last evening. I informed Mr. Baldwin of the contemplated meeting of Presby. It is not certain that any of the Session will be present. I hardly think I can come. Travelling in the winter in this latitude is terrible to me, tho. I may be there. I have just sent for my papers to join the Presby. of Southern Minn. Have never yet removed my connection from Presby. of West Jersey. Shall receive the papers about the beginning of the year.

With regard to the other matter of which you spoke. I will say & you will make what use you choose of it. First there is one thing I do want very much & have felt for several days that I do not know how to do without, & I have felt your proposal to be a kind of providential response to my prayerful desires on the subject. It is this, a lot of good clothing suitable for winter for two boys who seem to be very poor, if not actually destitute, whom I want to bring into our Sunday School & thus benefit spiritually. The clothing necessary would be flannel for underclothing & stout winter cloth for coats & pantaloons, not very fine of course, cotton & wool I should say Satinette or something of that kind. If the kind friends in New York could & would do this, they would do great good, a great favor to me, to the good cause here, & to the Master who Himself said, "Inasmuch &c." The boys are 10 to 15 years old, & I should say it would require some five or six yards apiece to furnish them out. (These could be made up here).

With regard to ourselves, I have hesitated much to consent to anything of the kind, but with Mrs. A.'s consent & approbation, I will say that I want & need a thick, warm overcoat. I have none that is suitable for a Minn. winter, tho., I had about concluded to get along without until another winter, as I greatly desire to get some books, which I greatly need & which after all, I am afraid, I shall have to do without. We would like some flannel for underclothing & some muslin for sheeting & some towling. Some shirts would be a great favor to me. I do not know whether the friends contemplating making up any of the articles or not. Supposing they did so intend, I would say that my whole height is 5 ft. 8 in. & I am broad at the shoulders. Thinking of a shirt or two I would say the measure of my neck is 15 1/2 inches.

We have three children , two daughters 15 & 12 years & a son 7 years old. Do not know but I have been too particular. Do as you choose with the letter. It can do no harm. Thanking you, & any others who may do anything, I am, dear bro.,

Yours most truly,
J. A. Annin.

New York, Dec. 20th.

Rev. Mr. Jackson:

I sent by express to your care on the 16th, I think, a package of clothing which I will trouble you to distribute as you see fit, to some needy missionary & family. The letters you sent have been received. We are glad to have been able to do anything for God's servants. Times are very blue & hard here. Mother & all well. Regards to Mrs. J. & yourself.

Yours truly,
M. P. Taber.

N. Y., Dec. 20th, 1867.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I received your letter giving us the names of Rev. Mr. Gage, Mr. Cunningham & Miss Chapin. We are glad you did so, certainly they deserve assistance, & it is with pleasure, that we send a box of clothing for them. We ought to have sent it before this, & desired that it should reach there before Christmas, but have not been able to carry out our intentions. We shall ship it tomorrow by the "Great Western Dispatch". We sent by this way last winter & it costs much less than by Adams Express. I think we cannot prepay the freight, but if you will be kind enough to do so & write me I will refund. The packages are each marked, with the exception of coats & pants. If these should not fit either of the named gentlemen, give them with the other garments not marked to whom you please that requires them. We send also a small package to our friend, Mrs. Geo. Ainslie. Will you be kind enough to forward to them & oblige,

Yours truly,

220 West 38th st., N. Y. P. A. Lathrop.

Phila., Dec. 21st, 1867.

Rev'd. S. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

We packed and sent away yesterday 6 boxes of clothing to Western Missionaries. Among them was a box consigned to the care of Rev'd. D. C. Lyon according to your instruction. I fear he may be from home when it arrives as I told me he was absent a fortnight at a time. If in his absence you will oblige me. It contains some articles for Rev'd. Mr. Ainslie. I would like him to have one of the wrappers. The other you will please accept if not supplied.

In haste.

Respectfully,

M. M. Newkirk.

N. York, Dec. 23d, 1867.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Potts was on a visit to New York about a fortnight since. While here, she received a letter from you, in which you related some instances of destitution among our Home Missionaries, and their great need of assistance from the Eastern churches. Your letter was read in our Ladies' Charitable Society last week, by our Pastor, Rev. Mr. Kellogg, and has awakened in the minds of some of our people a desire to send a box directly to you, (of such articles as may be contributed by our people) to be distributed as you think best among those who are in need. You may look for our box the first week in January. Mrs. Potts wrote to you about two weeks ago requesting you to address me a letter & inform me who the "worthy minister is" whom you met at Synod last fall, and who requested you to remember him. If you will send us his address, it will give us great pleasure to assist him. Besides, if you could give us some idea of the sizes of some of the Missionaries (ministers) in your neighborhood, we may be able to send several suits of clothes and other articles of clothing which they may need during the winter. Will you be so kind as to send us information in regard to the particulars as soon as possible, and you will oblige us.

Yours respectfully,

Annie F. Strang.

Sec'y. Ladies Society of the University Place Presbyterian Church, N. York.

New York, Dec. 23, 1867.

Dear Bro.:

I duly received yours in reply to mine of the 29th Oct. ult. I regret much that you did not send Miss Chapins bill in due course as I could in fact have met it then more readily than since. I regret also that you should have assumed my burden, when already you are overloaded. Enclosed, please find check for sixty six dollars in settlement of Mary Chapins board & tuition up to June 19th, 1867, while with the remittance of Oct. 29th, \$88. is in full to commencement of the next term. At present I am very much cramped in my finances or I would remit you in aid of your missionaries. I hope to do so before long.

This has been a trying year financially, yet I have reason for thankfulness that I have received so much. I have been more strengthened than I should have been in consequence of my removal from, J. C., which my health in the view of my friends seemed to render important.

I feel the importance of your prayers and I ask that you will not weary of them in my behalf. At times I am greatly discouraged about my religious hopes and fear that I may be deceived therein.

Intercede in my behalf and especially for my youngest son, praying that he may if God will be called into the ministry. Called I say for it is a fearful thing to come unsent in that work of all others.

I write freely to you, confiding in your honor and trusting that you will by no hint in interesting others in me let them know my name or address.

May God meet all your expectations and carry you thro all the obligations you have assumed in behalf of others.

Yours truly,

Wm. F. Janeway.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
Rochester, Minna.

Farmington, Minn.,

Dec. 24th, 1867.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of yesterday is at hand with the unexpected enclosure (\$5.) Please express our gratitude to the kind donor. We will try to make our Christmas that much more merry & joyous, rejoicing in the kind Providence of our Heavenly Father.

O, how timely are these unlooked donations. Just when our sky would otherwise be very dark & threatening. Let us trust Him & throw ourselves into the work with new devotion.

We could use the bed quilt occasionally, but if any other brother needs it, send it to him.

May God bless you and yours.

Fraternally,

Charles Thayer.

I will try to see Bro. Lyon.

N. Y., Dec. 25th, 1857.

Rev. Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I wrote you on Thursday I think of last week, stating that we had shipped a box for your city. I anticipated a little, for we expected to ship the box the following day. I wrote before hand because it was more convenient for me to do so. When we came to the packing we found so many articles had been sent in at the last moment, that one box was too small. In giving the order by writing for another larger one, we were misunderstood & another of the same size was sent us. Rather than have any further delay we packed both boxes, & they were sent yesterday directed to you, by the "Great Western Dispatch". We sent last winter by this Co. & the box went safely & at a much less expense than any other way. We cannot prepay here, so if you will please pay the expenses & write me I will at once forward you the money. We have specified the parcels as much as possible. The gentlemen's cloth clothes, we could not, as we did not know what would fit, but desire Messrs. Cunningham & Gave to have anything that may fit them. The indiarubber capes are for them, they will be useful if obliged to be out in stormy weather, also the knit cardigan jackets. If any clothes will fit Mr. Ainslie's sons, we would like them to have them. You will find a small parcel for that excellent lady. The boxes are marked No. 1 & 2.

We sincerely hope the boxes will reach you in safety, & as I told you in my other letter, will be glad to have you distribute the miscellaneous articles as you think best. I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as the boxes arrive.

Truly yours,

Mrs. P. A. Lathrop.

220 West 38th St.

Brooklyn, Dec. 26, 1867.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Do please excuse the familiar manner in which I have commenced this letter, but I feel so well acquainted personally and through the medium of your correspondence with my Aunt, that I quite forgot my propriety and wrote just as I felt. You must make it all right with your wife.

I write in haste to say that "the box" started on its Western excursion last Monday and will probably reach you before this does. There is not much of value in it but many garments which will be useful & comfortable for those destitute families of whom you wrote.

There is one coat in the box which has been worn but few times. Mrs. Wickham sends it, hoping it may fit you.

You inquired in your last about our Church. Dr. Shedd of N. Y. has occupied the pulpit most of the time since Dr. West left. We expect to have candidates after this as we hope that before very long God will send us a minister after His own heart.

Miss Trask wishes me to say to you that she had subscribed for forty copies of "The Child's Paper", and that if you were already supplied and would send her the address of some minister who wanted them, she would forward, &c.

With kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and wishing you all a "Happy New Year", I am,

Yours truly,

Elisa I. Thayer.

Rochester, Dec. 28, 1867.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother in Christ:

Your letter enclosing one from Mr. Mayhew, was duly received. I have neglected answering it, having been so exceedingly busy with my store matters, preparatory to holiday trade, and hoping that a response might be given to your wish in furnishing a Communion set, for the new Church. I regret to say, that I shall not be able to send you what you desire. Our school, for some reason, seems to feel very poor this year. We had to abandon a little festival, for the evening which was intended to be given for want of necessary funds. The children had one, the afternoon following Christmas, which was very pleasant. Brother Mayhew's

letter was exceedingly interesting, and it certainly touched my heart and sympathies, as it did others in our school. Surely, the Lord will provide for His devoted servants, and the religious field, be white for the harvest, in ways which we know not of. I am in hopes, that our school will make the Austin field, one of its specialities, and do all that is possible, in building up and sustaining a church and School there. I shall exert my influence in that direction, so far as it will go. May God bless you and Mr. Davies, and prosper you and His devoted ministering servants in extending His blessed cause and church in your section of the County.

With my best wishes and prayers, I remain,

Yours truly,

Geo. Preck.

St. Paul, Dec. 30, 1867.

Brother Jackson:

Get what information you can from my letters before my wife sends them forward & then use it as you think best.

Faries is on close allowance & ought to be kept from doing further upon the principal of his small means. He would accept, I think, a box of clothing, & ought to receive from the Disabled Ministers Fund. Saml is has received a small package from Mrs. Newkirk, not much. His wife has no black alpaca dress, or nothing similar. Condit's resignation is accepted. He leaves after the Sabbath here.

Had a glorious Union Meeting at the Westminster last night of all the Presb. & other Churches in near Saml's report.

Yours truly,

D. C. Lyon.

Lass City, Dec. 30th, 1867.

Monday P. M.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

We thank you much for the package. We are thankful too to other kind but unknown friends who may have had any agency in it & are thankful to the Providence from whom cometh every good gift. The bundle came safely some days ago. Almost every thing was very acceptable & will be very servicable. Some of the made things rather small for me, but we will get good out of them. I think we are well supplied with bedding.

We thought of coming to Presby. but concluded it was hardly worth while. Letter from Phila. this morning. They appropriate \$200. I don't know what the Ch. applied for. Still I have some faith & am hopeful.

Yours most truly,
J. A. Annin.

Austin, Minn.,
January 1, 1868.

Rev. S. Jackson,
Fechester, Minn.

My dear Brother:

You forwarded me two hundred dollars, which you say had been contributed by brethren in the East towards my salary. Thank God that he put it into their hearts. Without such aid for a little time our work would stop here, but I never think of such a result. God has taken the work into his own hands, & will carry it on.

Our workmen progress satisfactorily with the Church & with God's blessing we hope to occupy it before many weeks. Please return to Eastern friends our thanks for their offerings, and we will not cease to pray that God would grant them the rich blessing of the cheerful giver.

While we struggle and deny ourselves, what a comfort it is to be thus remembered by those left behind.

Yours in Christ,
H. A. Mahow.

St. Anthony, Minn., Jan. 2, 1868.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Our Presbytery will meet in Minneapolis on the 15th inst., and it will be impracticable for me to be with you during the week you have indicated. If you can make the time one week later I will try to be with you on the 20th inst., but would prefer being relieved from any service on Monday evening. In the event of that arrangement, I would expect you either the week before, or the week after my visit.

We greatly need to be revived. There are some indications of the Spirit's presence. Let us remember each other in our prayers.

We received, very unexpectedly, a small box from the Central Church of Philadelphia. It was suggested, as the accompanying letter states, by a young lady from that church, at present in Minneapolis. It came very opportunely, and was received with gratitude. I have told Bro. Lyon that I do not feel like accepting the aid you will be so kindly proposed to secure for us. Yet our wants are only partially met.

Bro. Caldwell writes me that he needs a suit of clothing, and under clothing. I presume it would be better to get the material only. He prefers for his sons and boys' coats, heavy cloth. Bro. Lyon says you have received a list of things and suggests that I may be able to locate the clothing desired for you. Please do what you can. If you have no offers to aid Dom. Missionaries, and know of no church to which you might apply with prospect of a favorable response, please advise me, so that I may look elsewhere.

Bro. Lyon is now gone to the "Big Woods", and will not return until meeting of Presby. We are very sorry to have Mr. Voorhees leave us. He is a very pleasant and excellent young man from whom we hoped for much assistance in our work. I was unexpectedly prevented from going over to Minneapolis to see him off for his departure, as I had hoped to do.

With kind regards to Mrs. J. and best wishes for your comfort & usefulness, I remain,

Yours fraternally,
R. F. Sample.

Minneapolis, Minn.,
Jan. 4, 1868.

Dear bro. Jackson:

While I was hesitating what to write in answer to your first about the box it arrived & opened the question. We did not give good Bro. Lyon consent to have it, although I think we ought, but as others are supplied, & since by some you take it thankfully as from our Lord. It is very good indeed. Most of the articles are of value to us. May the Lord reward the donors, & the agents too, whose kindness brought it to us.

The trial of giving up the ministry, I cannot describe. It seems at times to press more & more heavily. I can scarcely ever think of that beautiful passage, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings",

do, without shedding tears. Shall my feet ever again bear the heavenly message! But, if not, may the Lord give me humility and resignation.

Let me know when you are coming & I will meet you at the Central Depot, about 4 squares distant. I will send Samples package soon. We must find some one to wear the black coat in care, as it is rather small for me.

Much love from all to you & yours.

Fraternally yours,

J. Faries.

Olsson, Minn., Jan. 4th, 1866.

My dear Mrs. Jackson:

Please accept my sincere thanks for what you sent me by my husband. I have never worn anything that felt more comfortable than the hood, it pleased me very much, it is just what I needed. I experience that a double alone is not warm enough for this cold climate.

The merino will make Georgie a very good dress; one decline a very suitable one for spring wear and the plaid I intend to turn over they it will look almost as well as new. I do not need the quilt at present but will save it, do not know what may be.

Yours with much love,
Mrs. Vester.

Janesville, Wasco Co., Minn.,
Jan. 6th, 1866.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Please find herein an account of what I have received from Sept. 1st.

2d Sept.	from Rev. S. Jackson.....	\$100.00
" "	" Stated Clerk St. P. Synod....	25.00
" Oct.	from Oxford Sew. Sod.....	20.25
" "	" Dr. G. W. Musgrave.....	25.00
" Nov.	" Check per S. Jackson.....	35.00
		<u>\$205.25</u>

I only kept account of the month in which I received this money. I hope that is sufficiently accurate. The amount is \$205.25

100.

You have learned that the B. D. M. is raising the appropriations to what they were last year. The amount I got last year was \$150. You can see by those figures, what the "signs of promise are", respecting my support.

I am going to build me a home this coming season, and before this shall reach you, my lumber will be saved. I must do it or pay very high rent or not be able to get a house at all. High rent is our terror.

Come out and see Janesville, and help me get up a subscription here to build up a Church, or a House of worship. We must now endure very strong opposition from the Methodists.

My wife sends her kindest regards to you and Mrs. Jackson. So do I.

Yours in Christ,
Jas. P. Vawter.

Knoxton, Mercer Co.,
Jan. 6, 1869.

Brother Jackson:

Let me know as soon as you find out where our next meeting of Presb. is to be. Address at Rockford, Wood Co., in care of Hunter, where, I intend to spend Sat. & 12th, that is if you can leave off as early as Friday, if later then at Minneapolis.

Perhaps you had better stop a little to look plans. Give me any items of news.

Don't call on the 1st Church of Pittsburg for any thing more. I have sent there for a box for Campbell, & to Dr. Howner church for something for William in money. If Presbytery our Pres. - does not interfere I may spend Sabbath 17 & a part of the week following up the Highways Valley.

Yours in Christ,
Iren.

Hudson, Wis., Jan. 6, 1869.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Dear Bro.:

I delayed acknowledging the reception of the package received from you until the box came. I received it last week. We were very glad of the things and feel very thank-

ful to you and friends east. I wrote Mrs. Newkirk so did Mrs. R.-- along with it send a letter to their Sabbath School. We expect to hold meetings all this week. But I close praying that GOD's richest blessing may be upon you and bless your labors abundantly.

Fraternally yours,
Jas. Stuart Reed.
Hudson, Wis.

P. S. The clothes and things received were just what we needed. My clothes fitted very well.

J. S. R.

St. Cloud, Jan. 7th, 1868.

Dear Sir:

I wish you could have stayed longer with us. I was just beginning to feel at ease with you when you left. The loss of my hearing makes me a little shy of strangers. You ask me to make out a list of all the things we need. I fear if I should make a list of all, you'd cry me to stop before I'd be 1/2 thro'. I often wonder if people think as I used to of the Missionary. When I'd hear one preach, I'd go home & be asked, "What kind of a sermon had you? & answer 'O we'd a missionary to preach & of course had a begging sermon". I think quite different now. I thought then that they made things worse than they were, but now I know that they didn't make them as bad as they really were. If they would only see how much they please and encourage us, by the boxes of books & clothing, it would please & encourage them. Our purse wouldn't think as our eyes would. When we first came here, we intended to build, but found it too expensive, so we rented 2 rooms up stairs, with a sloping ceiling (we could only stand straight in the middle of the room) & bought a cook stove & a few cooking utensils with it, a pine kitchen table & 3 windsor chairs (we rented the bedstead & bedding with the room) when we had \$5. left for provisions for 3 months. We had no cups & saucers. Bought 2 small bowls to drink our coffee, made both tea and coffee in the same tin tea-pot, used a newspaper for table cloth & our handkerchiefs for towels. Then we moved into a small house on the prairie with 2 rooms. The floor was of board, unplanned boards & big cracks between. It was so cold. Jennie creeping there & her little hands were always sore with splinters getting in them. The St. Paul people

then made us a present of a rag carpet. We were so happy when we sit it down. Last summer through Mr. Mitchell's influence the people have got us the ingrain carpet & cane seat chairs for which we are thankful. I felt our poverty much when I was sick. There is generally a rush of help at 1st & then all leave. Some would ask me why I didn't have a nurse. Well why didn't I. They only charge \$5. a week & will not do housework & I must pay a girl at \$2. a week & I'd not pay for that. When Jennie was born I didn't have a girl. Husband taught school to meet expense. I was left a part of every morning alone. I would think of P. & our dear friends there, then of our poverty, then baby would cry. I couldn't move to touch her, but would try to quiet her in other ways, but could not. The I'd cry too & wish for nothing. Just then Mrs. Denny of Pittsburg sent me \$50. You can imagine how glad we were.

Mrs. Campbell.

Farmington, Minn., 7th Jan. 1886.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I like Bro. Faries card--the size, style, color of ink &c. I enclose "copy" for a card. It will probably require a larger one than Bro. Faries, unless you visit the Elders & Trustees, which do if you think best. Please use your judgment & taste as to size & kind of type. I want from 100 to 200. The 2nd 100 will cost less.

How did you hear about our box? I have heard nothing of it. Supposed it would come in due time. We need boys' clothing, almost anything in that line would help, of material, old or new for boys wear. Socks & shoes, mittens &c. are in demand wish us. My stock of clothing is not near exhausted except that I would like a pair of heavy, lined pants. I wear about size 17--34.

I will try to meet you at the care & pay you for the cards. We have good little meetings this week. May God be with you.

Fraternally,

Charles Thayer.

Share No. 3. The Worcester Institute.

This certifies that Grenada Jackson is proprietor of
four shares of one hundred dollars each of the Capital Stock
of the Worcester Institute of Rochester, Massachusetts, transfer-
able only on the books of the Institute by himself or his at-
torney or his executor or his administrator.

Grenada Jackson,
President.

Rochester, Mass.
May 1, 1898.

(Seal)
Secretary.

June 1, 1898, Placed \$400.00 into the Institute. See
in charging School Fees.

G. J.

Rochester, Minnesota, 1868.

My dear Christian friends:

Rochester is fifty miles west of the Mississippi River and is the largest village in central southern Minnesota. It is rapidly growing with a present population of between three and four thousand. It is the commercial and political center of a large region of country, and by the blessing of God we will make it also the religious center. The prospect is very encouraging to the planting in this region of several good Presbyterian churches within a few years. I have already six preaching places in different parts of the county, and Brother Ainslie, who is laboring at my side, has nine preaching places. But in order to give efficiency to the work it seems necessary to strengthen ourselves at this central point.

Last year we worshipped in a hall over one of the stores but this has been taken from us and rented to parties who can better afford to pay a higher rent. We then went to another hall but this spring it was turned into a boarding house. For a few weeks we had no place of meeting; then we occupied the Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoons, but during the summer it was closed for repairs. We then went to the courthouse, and are now worshipping in an old drug store, for which we are compelled to pay rent at the rate of \$300 a year. These repeated changes, as might be expected, broke up our prayer meeting and Sabbath school, and but for the blessing of God would also have broken up our church. Of course it never grew or exerted an influence under such circumstances. The church felt that they must either build or disband their organization. Though both labor and materials are exorbitantly high we felt compelled to rise and build, looking to God to raise up friends who will assist us. Our church is built of wood, 30 x 60 feet in size and will cost us about \$5000. Our own people have done nothing. The Rev. George Ainslie, who is associated with me in this county, though he has a family of five, and a salary of only \$300 a year yet he has sold \$1000 which he earned by laboring early and late in the harvest field; indeed he so overtaxed himself as to bring on a dangerous spell of sickness. Our only Elder with a family of five or six, living in a miserable log house and while in debt for his farm --- a man so poor that winter before last he could not provide his children with shoes, yet subscribed \$50. The most of our people are doing beyond their means. They felt that they must either build a church building or else do without the gospel. And that they valued the gospel you will feel assured when I tell you of some that come into the church three or four miles every Sabbath (some with ox teams) others come six and ten miles each way, while on communion seasons one lady walks in eight miles, and another over 60 years of age twelve miles each way. Indeed eastern Christians can little realize the intensity of desire on the

part of the few Christians or the great desire to secure a house of worship.

In the country districts we worship in log houses, private houses, school houses, and any place where we can be sheltered from the weather. But our sad experience has been that the Word of God exerts but little power under such circumstances and the labor of the missionaries seems almost lost. So general has been our sad experience on the frontier that the missionaries are willing to make any possible sacrifice if they can only secure a church. One missionary went out into the pine forest of Wisconsin, felled the trees, borrowed a yoke of oxen and wagon, and drew the logs to the place where he wished to erect his church building. Another on a salary of \$400 a year gave \$100 in money and 18 months of time and labor to the erection of his church. Another missionary, who, when he went into the missionary work had some private property, has spent it all in building frontier churches; more than that has broken down his health by over-exertion in the work and now, with his family of six children is reduced to want; within a few months he has had to part with a carpet and 40 volumes from his private library in order to purchase for his family the necessaries of life. And with these variations this is the history of almost every church building on the frontier. I, myself, in erecting my first church at La Crescent in this State, raised the money, purchased the material, borrowed an ox team and wagon, and drew all the stones for the foundation and the lumber for the building from the banks of the Mississippi River, a mile and a half up to the site of the church, and handled every stick of timber and board that went into the building. In the building of the church at this place I shall have to raise two-thirds of the money from outside of the community, pay for unloading all the lumber and material at the end of the construction track of the railway, and then procure teams and draw the same from the end of the railway twelve to fifteen miles into town.

We have learned the meaning of the petition "Give us this day our daily bread", as destitute of the necessaries of life the missionaries are sometimes compelled to gather their suffering families about trees and with choked utterances plead with their heavenly father, who heareth even the young ravens when they cry for food; but all this they can cheerfully gladly bear up under if they can secure houses of worship, build up congregations and win souls to the Saviour.

When the missionaries are thus giving their time and health and strength to the work is it too much for us in our extremity to turn an imploring look to eastern Christians and ask that they shall assist us in the erection of the churches and in the work of the spreading of the Kingdom?

I mention these things not to parade the self-denial of the missionary but that you may not judge them as too intrusive when they earnestly plead with you for assistance in

building their houses of worship and thus preparing the way for the advance of the spiritual temple. Thus I come to you for assistance in the erection of our church in this place. I would agonize with you for help as I agonize with God to give this church favor in your eyes. Will you not make it a matter of prayer and consider whether you, as God's stewards, cannot help us in these days of suffering and self-denial?

Very truly your fellow-worker in the Gospel,

Sheldon Jackson.

Note: This letter was sent to the following Presbyterian Churches: Warren Point, N. J.; the First Presbyterian Church, Albany, N.Y.; Lawrenceburg, N. Y.; the Second Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Central Pres. Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Border Mission, Brooklyn, N.Y.; South Salem, N.Y.; The Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N. Y.; St. Peter's, Rochester, N.Y.; State Street Pres. Church, Albany, N.Y.; Brick Top Church, New York City; Burlington, Pa.; Lawrenceville, N.J.; Newark, N.J.; Princeton, N.J.; Trenton, N.J.; also to Mrs. Benke, New York City.

Note: The following letters, Numbers 1 and 2, were sent to the Sabbath Schools connected with the above Presbyterian Churches:-

Letter No. 1.

Rochester, Minnesota, 1868.

To the Sabbath School at ---

Dear Children:

On the return of myself and family from the East after travelling as far as the railroad and stagecoach would carry us, we came the remainder of the way, about 40 miles, in the stage. It was just as much a coach with four horses before it as you have seen in the old pictures. The ride for the most part was very pleasant. Occasionally from a slight elevation of land we could look off over the beautiful prairie for many miles until the fields and hills seemed to meet. It was the season of harvest and every one appeared very busy. Young women were seen perched up driving the teams or large reapers which looked like moving windmills cutting the grain. The men were following after binding the sheaves while the children, both boys and girls, (some of them not yet seven years old) were carrying the sheaves together into small piles all over the field. In other places we saw men plowing up the prairie for the first time. To do this they have very large plows so large and sharp that they cut off the roots and plow up the small trees before the plow they sometimes plow as many as sixteen over, which gives them at a distance the appearance of a small caravan.

Many of the houses we passed are built of logs nearly all

all of them being small, some of them contain only one room. In that one room the family cook, eat, sleep, and live. In the summer the cook-stove is placed out of doors, which is not very pleasant in rainy weather.

Over those portions of the country which remain uncultivated there were a great many wild flowers, some of them very beautiful and such as are cultivated in your gardens in the East. Occasional flocks of wild geese or prairie chickens, frightened by the stage, would fly up with a whirr, and sometimes a gopher would run across the road and then straightening himself up on his hind legs, as you have seen little dogs taught to do, would watch us as we rode by.

I could tell you many further things about Mr. Gopher, for he is a queer little animal, but have not the time now. There are indeed many curious and interesting things to be seen as one rides through a new country, much to remind one of the goodness and love of our Heavenly Father. But there was also a sad side to the ride. It was very sad to see so many children growing up without religious privileges, through all that beautiful country there is scarcely a Sabbath School and very seldom any preaching. Through the present harvest season the people have worked the same on the Sabbath as on any other day of the week; at other times when work is not pressing the Sabbath is used in visiting and hunting or playing at home. And we cannot wonder at it for many of them have no church within reach where they can go and hear about Jesus, the Children's Friend; no Sabbath School where the children meet kind teachers to study the Bible, sing praises to the Saviour, and procure such nice books and papers to read. In some of these families they have not even a Bible. Do you ever think, children, how much more God will expect of you who have so many privileges than of the children on these prairies that have none at all? You should every day thank God that He has so highly favored you, and as you think of your own blessings I know that you will want to do something to help their children have the same blessings. This you can do with your missionary by sending money to help men to go to these new sections of the country who will establish churches and Sabbath Schools.

Your Western Missionary,
Sheldon Jackson.

Letter No. 2.

Rochester, Minnesota, December, 1865.

To the Dear Children of the Sabbath School of ---

From my distant western home permit me to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Oh, how gladly you should work for Jesus, who has given you such kind parents and teachers, and so many precious opportunities of learning of Him. He is not only blessing you more than many children

in Asia and Africa but also than many children in your own land. A few weeks ago while travelling in the stage we passed a school house just as school was out. The stage not being full the kind driver stopped and took in some of the girls who had from one to three miles to walk. I gave them some Sabbath School papers and asked them if they ever attended such a school. One of the girls, 14 years old, had never even heard the name of a Sabbath School. If I had told her it was a place where little girls learned to sew she would not have known any better. She was much pleased with the picture papers for children. Over against this I would like to tell you how a great bear started a Sabbath School. Can you guess how he did it?

In some parts of the State in certain seasons of the year bears are very plenty. In a town in the western part of this county some people saw a bear. Word was sent around the neighborhood and men and boys with axes and pitchforks started in pursuit. After an excited chase they killed the bear; then the question was who should have him. After much discussion some one suggested that they should sell the bear and with the proceeds start a Sabbath School. This was done. The money paid for the bear purchased for them a nice library and started a Sabbath School, where none had previously existed.

How easily God can provide ways and means for carrying on his work. Can you tell me whose son God sent the ram to save, or on what occasion he sent a fish to pay taxes? Would you not like to have Him ask you to do some work for him? This he is now doing in this letter; he wants you to help the missionaries in Minnesota to start Sabbath Schools and Churches for the children that now have none. Will you then do it for God?

Very truly your Western Missionary,
Sheldon Jackson.

Note: Letters 3 and 5 were sent to the following Sabbath Schools: First Pres. Church, Albany, N.Y.; Third Pres. Ch. Rochester, N.Y.; St. Peters Pres. Church, Rochester, N.Y.; Second Pres. Church Brooklyn, N.Y.; First Pres. Church Lawrenceville, N.C.; First Pres. Church, Jersey City, N.Y.; First Pres. Church Newark, N.J.

No. 3.

Rochester, Minnesota, 1866.

Dear Children:

I am glad to be able to send you a photograph of our new church. It is very neat and tasty and excites general admiration and we find that the external appearance is a great help in God's work. It attracts the careless and impenitent and brings them under the sound of the gospel, and it causes the membership of the church to feel a greater interest in Christ's

work. I try to keep prominently before the congregation the fact that kind Christian friends in the East, who have done so much for us have a right to expect more than the material building — that having provided us with the means of enlarged usefulness they are looking to see how well we improve them to the advance of Christ's kingdom.

This is an excellent effect and I know of no more devoted band of Christian workers any where. Just now we are passing through our last great struggle with reference to our church building. We are trying to wipe out our church debt of \$3,000. This you know for a mission church is a very large sum. The effort to be successful will require great self-denial and much prayer on the part of the people. But in answer to prayer God is bestowing upon them the greatest liberality and they are coming up to the work nobly. I have already \$2,300 pledged and by God's continued blessing will soon secure the rest. It is a strain upon the church that a few weeks ago it seemed impossible to be borne, but God is giving us strength even in our weakness. Young men that have no property have pledged us \$50, which they expect to pay us from their earnings. Many are giving several times over what they are able. It is wonderful---to God be all the praise!

In addition to raising this debt we need money to buy a second furnace and also to make the one we now have more efficient in heating our church through our severe winters. As the effort to raise the debt will exhaust the pecuniary resources of the church our ladies are at work making up articles both useful and fancy to sell just before Christmas.

Since God has so blessed your previous assistance to us and through your sympathy with us in our present great stress, I have thought that perhaps your Sabbath School would be willing to get up another box of articles that we can sell for the benefit of the church, thus furnishing one table to be labeled after the name of your Sabbath School for our Fair. I feel that God's blessings will follow you as well as to us.

Very truly your

Western Missionary,
Sheldon Jackson.

No. 4.

Dear Children:

A merry Christmas to you all! I devote this holiday to a family chat with you. This is a beautiful day. From my pleasant study with the window opening to the east and west I look out upon a bright sunshiny scene, as quiet as the Sabbath. There is not a child to be seen. The children that usually play around the streets are down on the ice skating, and so are those who usually cause the streets to stir with business, and so too is almost the whole Sabbath School teachers as well as scholars. As for my Christmas I look out of the west window

over the tops of houses and let my imagination rove over the regions beyond yonder hills. I feel sad as I think of the many strong and healthy children there are who have no Sabbath School, no church, and are growing up with no one to tell them of the children's friend. Do you know who I mean? If so answer your superintendent.

My heart yearns over these growing neighborhoods without the gospel. The thought of the gospel destitution of some parts of this State so weighs me down that it seems impossible to rear up except as the sweet thought comes to my mind that Jesus will take care of his own work. But this he does through us. So I turn my head and look out the east window and as my eye glances over the lovely prairie and those hills miles away and yet so clear is the air that seemingly nigh at hand and then thought ~~thrust~~ launching out into the deep blue expanse of sky with more than telegraphic speed, I am in your midst. As I look into your eyes and see your interest in Christ's work and remember what we here have seen of that interest, I feel that Christ is raising up in you a noble band of workers who will do what you can to evangelize the east and west and the whole globe. And in order to do this I hope you will do as the Christians of Macedonia did! Can you tell your superintendent what that was? They first gave themselves to the Lord and then to his work. Thus I hope you have given yourselves to Jesus and then to his work.

But you will want to hear about the Fair. The ladies at the Fair on two evenings printed handbills calling attention to the Fair and had the Sabbath School boys distribute them in every house in the village. We also had beautiful cards printed containing the name of the Sabbath School that presented articles on the table beneath it. These cards were framed with beautiful leaves of evergreens. The placement of our new church was so crowded that it was almost impossible to get around to the tables, and the sales of the beautiful articles which you sent yielded us a large amount of money. I heard continuous expressions not only of delight but of admiration and appreciation of the beauty of the needle work and fancy work which had been sent by the Eastern Sabbath Schools and the ladies. And I know by voice the universal feeling all over this village that we thank you one and all for what you have done for us and done for the Master.

Sincerely your
Western Missionary,
Sheldon Jackson.

No. 5.

Rochester, Minnesota, 1867.

Rev. William H. Paxton, D.D.,
New York City.

Dear Brother: I take the liberty of writing you

In Asia and Africa but also than many children in your own land a few weeks ago while travelling in the stage we passed a school house just as school was out. The stage not being full the kind driver stopped and took in some of the girls who had from one to three miles to walk. I gave them some Sabbath School papers and asked them if they ever attended such a school. One of the girls, 14 years old, had never even heard the name of a Sabbath School. If I had told her it was a place where little girls learned to sew she would not have known any better. She was much pleased with the picture papers for children. Over against this I would like to tell you how a great bear started a Sabbath School. Can you guess how he did it?

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Very truly your Western Missionary,
 Sheldon Jackson.

either for you to read to your people in the prayer meeting or from the pulpit on Sabbath, or to hand to some of them privately, praying that God will dispose the hearts of some of his people to come to our help.

A great emergency has arisen threatening to stop all forward movement if not to break up and scatter our little congregations already established. You will remember that our wheat crop in Minnesota (upon which we depend almost entirely for a living) for last year was almost an entire failure, so that in the frontier portions of the State the new settlers had to be supported in part by state funds, and in the older portions of the State some of our farmers mortgaged their farms to secure food and clothing until another harvest. So that in order to secure missionaries for important and growing fields we had to pledge \$100, \$200, or \$500, as the case might be, to their salaries over and above what the Board of Home Missions would grant.

This year again our crop has been a partial failure, and more than that the Board of Home Missions is reducing all their appropriations to the missionaries now on the field and refusing to commission any new ones on account of want of funds in the treasury of the Board. Thus our work is reduced to great straits. Either we must have liberal help from private Christians in the East or else we must abandon several of our most important missionary fields, and thus throw the work back on an indefinite number of years. This we cannot bear to do. And so a few of us have privately set apart a day of fasting and prayer to plead with the Lord of the harvest not to let his laborers be driven from this portion of his vineyard, but to put it into the hearts of some of his stewards to send us the needful funds.

You will remember that when you visited Minnesota I spoke to you of the Rev. J. E. Vawter at . . . He writes, "My people will do what they can but have done nothing yet. And in fact they can do but little as their crops were a failure last year, and this. I preached yesterday twice and rode 30 miles going and returning. I expect after this to do the same amount of riding and preach three times each Sabbath."

Closing up another letter after speaking of his discouragement he says: "I commit myself and cause here into the keeping of the great Head of the Church, and so I am not much afraid."

A friend writing me of one of our ministers, one who has often had occasion to plead the petition "Give us this day our daily bread" with an emphasis that only pinching want can give, says he has not a decent pair of pants to put on. His shanty dwelling was mainly built with his own hands and has in it but one chair, one table, one old chest of drawers, one homemade bedstead and one homemade lounge.

At Synod last week a devoted and successful minister took me one said and said "These are all the clothes I have; do you think you could get a box of clothing for me this fall?" What could I answer but "yes"; and trust to God to help me keep my promise. Another brother has done without a kitchen or cellar to his house, a stove or carpet to his study that he might build up a church in an important place and keep within his pittance of a salary. Indeed I never meet with our brethren out here at Synod or Presbytery or at their own fireside but my heart is pained at the sacrifices of comfort and health; at the painful shifts most of them are compelled to make in order to lay the foundation of Presbyterianism in this new country.

Seeing these things how can I keep silent? Would that I could write still more earnestly for I feel that your warm Christian hearts will love to take up this cause and urge your people to do what they can to carry it on.

Sincerely your brother in the Gospel,
Sheldon Jackson.

